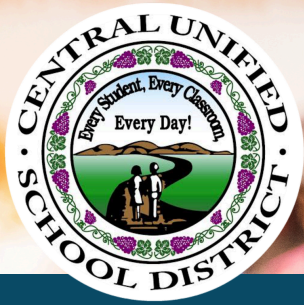


# Central Unified Academic Recognition Program



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

## ELIGIBILITY

## AWARD

### HONOR ROLL



Students are recognized in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Students receive awards from Fall grades in January. Students receive awards from Spring grades in August.

Honors: 3.5-3.74  
High Honors: 3.75-3.99  
Principal's Honor Roll: 4.0+

All students must have good citizenship.

All students receive certificates. High Honors and Principal's Honor Roll receive an Academic Block Letter after two consecutive semesters of achievement and an academic patch each time they qualify for two consecutive semesters in one year.

### SCHOLASTIC AWARDS



Awards are given to students in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. The Scholastic Awards ceremonies are held annually.

Teachers from each department select students for high performance in their classes/subject areas.

All students receive certificates. Each department also recognizes a top upperclassman and a top underclassman.

### STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY



The State Seal of Bilingual Proficiency recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in English and another language.

Students become eligible based on the California Department of Education criteria for the Seal of Bilingual Proficiency.

Students who demonstrate proficiency receive a gold seal on their diploma and an annotation on their transcript. They are recognized at Senior Awards with a certificate.

### CSF



The California Scholarship Federation is a CA state honor organization that requires its members to take A-G courses and maintain a high GPA.

Students in 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to apply. Eligibility is based on a point system. Students must reapply each semester using the previous semester's grades.

Lifetime Membership is achieved by having CSF membership four or more semesters between Sophomore and Senior year (one must be during senior year). Life members are recognized at Senior Awards and graduation with gold cord.

### NHS



The National Honor Society (NHS) is a nationally recognized organization celebrating academic excellence, high character, and commitment to school and community.

Students in 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to apply at the beginning of each school year if they meet a minimum academic requirement of 3.8 GPA. Students must show evidence of character, service, and leadership.

Students who are members in their senior year are recognized at Senior Awards and graduation with a blue/gold cord. Students with two or more years of membership receive an NHS stole and pin.

### VALEDICTORIAN



The title of Valedictorian is awarded to students who maintain a 4.0+ weighted GPA through seven semesters of high school.

At the conclusion of the 7<sup>th</sup> semester during their senior year, GPAs are verified by the GLD. Students with a weighted GPA of 4.0 or above will be notified that they are a Valedictorian. Students with any D or F grades are disqualified. Students may qualify with a C grade in an Augmented Course. **(Grad classes: 2026-2029)**

Valedictorians are recognized at Senior Awards and graduation with a medallion. The #2 ranked student is awarded the title of Magna Cum Laude. The #1 ranked student is awarded the title of Summa Cum Laude and will speak at graduation.

### SCHOLARS OF EXCELLENCE



Scholars of Excellence are recognized as our highest academically achieving students for both their GPAs and completion of advanced coursework.

Students are identified at the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> semester during their senior year if:  
-weighted UC eligible GPA is a 4.0+  
-student has passed a combination of three AP, DE, High School Enrichment or ROP Capstone courses.

Scholars of Excellence are recognized at Senior Awards and graduation with a medallion.



# Valedictorian Designation

## BEGINNING WITH THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2030



### VALEDICTORIAN

The title of Valedictorian shall be awarded to the student with the top GPA after the first seven semesters, calculated out two decimal places. In the event of a tie, there will be co-valedictorians named. The Valedictorian(s) will deliver a Valedictory Address at the graduation ceremony.

### SALUTATORIAN

The title of Salutatorian will be awarded to the student with the second highest GPA, after the first seven semesters, calculated out two decimal places. In the event of a tie, there will be co-salutatorians named.



Summa Cum Laude  
("Highest Honors")

**4.30+**

Weighted academic GPA

Magna Cum Laude  
("Great Honors")

**4.15 to 4.29**

Weighted academic GPA

Cum Laude  
("With Honors")

**4.00-4.14**

Weighted academic GPA

GPA's will be verified by the Guidance and Learning Dean (GLD) following the conclusion of the 7th semester.

*Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude status will be noted in the graduation program and in the student's permanent record, as appropriate.*



### IMPLEMENTATION

The site principal, in collaboration with the Guidance and Learning Dean, shall ensure proper calculation, verification, and recognition procedures are followed in accordance with this policy.

Any district revisions to this policy shall take effect beginning with the incoming grade 9 class in the following academic year, unless otherwise specified by the Governing Board.

High school seniors shall be notified of this policy in advance, through the student handbook or other means, and shall be required to acknowledge receiving it.

### ADDITIONAL DISTINCTIONS

1. All students who earn a GPA of 4.0 or above at the end of their 7th semester of their senior year, who have passed a combination of three AP, Dual Enrollment, High School Enrichment, or ROP Capstone courses, will be recognized as a Scholar of Excellence at Graduation and receive a medal at an awards ceremony.
2. All students who are members of the National Honor Society in their senior year will be recognized at Senior Awards and Graduation with a blue/gold cord, and those with 2 or more years of membership will receive an NHS stole and pin.
3. Students who are members of California Scholarship Federation for 4 or more semesters between sophomore and senior year will be recognized as Lifetime Members and recognized at Senior Awards and Graduation with a blue/gold cord.
4. All students who meet the state's College/Career Indicator (CCI) "Prepared" criteria will be recognized at Senior Awards and graduation with a green/purple cord.
5. All students who meet the California Department of Education criteria for the Seal of Biliteracy will receive a gold seal on their diploma, an annotation on their transcripts, and special recognition at Senior Awards.
6. All students who meet the requirements for the Golden State Merit Diploma, set out by the California Department of Education, will be recognized at senior awards with a certificate and seal on their diploma.