

Board of Education Policy 3.7700
Administrative Procedure

Calculation of GPAs for Honors Designation

- A. The Administrative Procedure set forth in this Section A. shall govern all students entering the ninth grade for the first time in 2009/2010 and each year thereafter:

Catawba County high schools designate the honors of Junior Marshal, Latin Honor Graduate: cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude based upon cumulative GPA after the third nine-week grading periods of the junior and senior years respectively.

In order to be recognized as a Junior Marshal, a student must have a minimum weighted GPA of 3.9.

Except for comprehensive high schools, in order to be recognized as an Honor Graduate, cum laude, a student must have a minimum weighted GPA of 3.95.

Except for comprehensive high schools, in order to be recognized as an Honor Graduate, magna cum laude, a student must have a minimum weighted GPA of 4.15.

Except for comprehensive high schools, in order to be recognized as an Honor Graduate, summa cum laude, a student must have a minimum weighted GPA of 4.25.

In a comprehensive high school, in order to be recognized as an Honor Graduate, cum laude, a student must have a minimum weighted GPA of 3.95.

In a comprehensive high school, in order to be recognized as an Honor Graduate, magna cum laude, a student must have a minimum weighted GPA of 4.25.

In a comprehensive high school, in order to be recognized as an Honor Graduate, summa cum laude, a student must have a minimum weighted GPA of 4.40.

In order that no student will be in an unfair situation due to scheduling of weighted courses, grades from the third nine-week grading period will be calculated as one unit of credit. Final cumulative averages and ranking will be calculated and recorded in students' permanent records after the last nine-week grading period.

For those students who are taking dual enrollment courses through an institution of higher learning, grades may or may not be included in the third nine-week grading period:

- If the student is taking a semester course for which a final grade is not issued until the end of the semester, the course will not be included in determining honors designation.

- If the student is taking a course for which a final term or nine-week grade is issued, that course grade will be included in determining honors designation. This would include Virtual High School courses as well as dual enrollment courses.

B. The Administrative Procedure set forth in this Section B. shall govern all students enrolled in high school, other than those entering ninth grade for the first time in 2009/2010 and each year thereafter:

Catawba County high schools designate the honors of Junior Marshal, Honor Graduate, Valedictorian, and Salutatorian based upon cumulative GPA after the third nine-week grading periods of the junior and senior years respectively.

In order to be recognized as a Junior Marshal, a student must have a weighted GPA of 3.9 or higher. The 3.9 GPA will be effective for first time ninth graders during the 2006-2007 school year and beyond.

In order to be recognized as an Honor Graduate, a student must have a weighted GPA of 3.9 or higher. The 3.9 GPA will be effective for first time ninth graders during the 2006-2007 school year and beyond.

In order that no student will be in an unfair situation due to scheduling of weighted courses, grades from the third nine-week grading period will be calculated as one unit of credit. Final cumulative averages and ranking will be calculated and recorded in students' permanent records after the last nine-week grading period.

For those students who are taking dual enrollment courses through an institution of higher learning, grades may or may not be included in the third nine-week grading period:

- If the student is taking a semester course for which a final grade is not issued until the end of the semester, the course will not be included in determining honors designation.
- If the student is taking a course for which a final term or nine-week grade is issued, that course grade will be included in determining honors designation. This would include Virtual High School courses as well as dual enrollment courses.

Superintendent

Date

Program Director

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