

The purpose of this policy is to establish a criterion based academic honor system that recognizes high academic achievement.

High Academic Honors Recognition

Effective the Class of 2018, the Laude Latin model will be used to recognize academic excellence at the conclusion of a student's high school career. Students will work to compete against the criterion for academic honors-not each other.

A student's final cumulative GPA will be used to determine the level of honor on a student's high school transcript, diploma, and for academic recognition at commencement exercises. The following three levels of academic honors will be used:

Summa Cum Laude "with highest distinction" – Cumulative GPA average of 4.00 and above

Magna Cum Laude "with great distinction" - Cumulative GPA average of 3.75 to 3.99

Cum Laude "with distinction" – Cumulative GPA average of 3.25 to 3.74

The weighted GPA will be used to calculate all academic honors.

This model will replace the practice of using class rank and Valedictorian and Salutatorian on all official Williams Bay School District documentation.

Honor Rolls

Each quarter an official Honor Roll will be calculated based on the weighted term GPA.

Students with a GPA of 3.75 and above will be listed on the High Honor Roll

Students with a term GPA of 3.25 to 3.74 will be listed on the Honor Roll.

Academic Lettering

Academic lettering is another way in which Williams Bay High School students can be recognized for outstanding school work. Students eligible for an academic letter or a bar must average an overall 3.85 GPA for both semesters of their freshmen, sophomore, and junior years. For seniors, the award is calculated based on their first semester senior GPA.

Senior academic letters or bars will be presented at the end of the year awards ceremony. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will receive their academic awards for the previous school year at the beginning of the year at a program at the start of the next school year.

Reporting To Post-High School Institutions

Student transcripts will include the student's GPA and any cum laude honors.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

In the interest of encouraging and recognizing outstanding academic achievement, the District's most highly honored students will be selected from each graduating class according to the following procedure:

The valedictorian will be the student with the highest cumulative grade point average (carried out to two decimal places) as computed at the end of seven semesters of high school work.

In the case of a tie for valedictorian, co-valedictorians will be honored and a salutatorian will not be selected in that year.

If there is only one valedictorian, a salutatorian will be the student with the second highest cumulative grade point average as computed at the end of seven semesters of high school work.

In the case of a tie for salutatorian, co-salutatorians will be honored.

In order to be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors, the student must have attended Williams Bay High School for at least one high school year (two complete semesters) prior to the senior year, and complete his/her senior year successfully.

In the case of a tie for valedictorian, the valedictorians will deliver the Class Address at graduation together, or the speaker will be selected by a vote of the senior class.

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