

Rutherford County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in November	Descriptor Term: Grade Point Average (GPA) and Class Rank (9-12)	Descriptor Code: 4.602	Issued Date: 03/14/13
		Rescinds: 4.602	Issued: 02/12/09

All students and all subjects (except pass/fail grades) are included in class rank and GPA. The Tennessee Board of Education's Uniform Grading System will be used for semester grades. GPA and class rank are based on semester averages only.

Grade & Quality Points	Percentage Range	Weighting for Honors/Advanced Honors Courses & National Industry Certification	Weighting for Advanced Placement & International Baccalaureate Courses
A=4 QP	93	100	Will include the addition of 5 percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average.
B=3 QP	85	92	
C=2 QP	75	84	
D=1 QP	70	74	
F=0 QP	0	69	

Class rank is computed at the end of the 5th and 7th semesters (regular semesters, not summer semesters). When a course is repeated, BOTH grades become a part of the GPA.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Criteria

1. The valedictorian/salutatorian shall be the student(s) who attain(s) the highest grade point average for grades 9-12 and;
2. The valedictorian/salutatorian shall have taken a minimum of twelve (12) honors or above honors level courses and;
3. The valedictorian shall meet all requirements for a student graduating with honors and a student graduating with distinction pursuant to the Tennessee Board of Education's criteria. The requirements for valedictorian/salutatorian must be completed by the end of the 7th semester beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.

Exception: Schools in Rutherford County with an enrollment of less than 500 students shall determine valedictorian/salutatorian based upon honors and above honors level courses available.

Exception: If there is no student within the school who meets the above listed criteria, the valedictorian shall be the student with the highest grade point average.

Each high school principal shall approve a list of courses eligible for Honors/Advanced Honors and Advanced Placement status. A copy of the approved list will be placed in the Administrative Procedures Manual for the preceding school year. All honors/advanced honors and advanced placement courses must meet the Tennessee Board of Education's guidelines regarding standards for honors courses.

1 Students graduating with distinction will be noted and recognized in the graduation printed program.
2 Additional "graduation with distinction" recognition will be the decision of the Board.
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4 This policy shall become effective with all high school students (grades 9-12) beginning in the 2009-
5 2010 school year.
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Cross References:

- Grading System 4.600
- Graduation Requirements 4.605