

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: 02/12/09
		Rescinds: 4.602	Issued: 01/15/09

1 All students and all subjects (except pass/fail grades) are included in class rank and GPA. The Tennessee
 2 Board of Education's Uniform Grading System will be used for semester grades. GPA and class rank
 3 are based on semester averages only.
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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 3 percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average*	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		

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

17 **Valedictorian Criteria**

- 18 1. The valedictorian/salutatorian shall be the student(s) who attain(s) the highest grade point
 19 average for grades 9-12 and;
- 20 2. The valedictorian/salutatorian shall have taken a minimum of twelve (12) honors or above
 21 honors level courses and;
- 22 3. The valedictorian shall meet all requirements for a student graduating with honors and a
 23 student graduating with distinction pursuant to the Tennessee Board of Education's criteria.
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26 Exception: Schools in Rutherford County with an enrollment of less than 500 students shall determine
 27 valedictorian/salutatorian based upon honors and above honors level courses available.
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29 Exception: If there is no student within the school who meets the above listed criteria, the valedictorian
 30 shall be the student with the highest grade point average.
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32 Each high school principal shall approve a list of courses eligible for Honors/Advanced Honors and
 33 Advanced Placement status. A copy of the approved list will be placed in the Administrative Procedures
 34 Manual for the preceding school year. All honors/advanced honors and advanced placement courses must
 35 meet the Tennessee Board of Education's guidelines regarding standards for honors courses.
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1 This policy shall become effective with all high school students (grades 9-12) beginning in the 2009-
2 2010 school year.

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Cross References:
Grading System 4.600
Graduation Requirements 4.605