

PRESTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FILE: 3 – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION File: 3-23 Scholastic Achievement and Academic Rank	Adopted: Last Reviewed:
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Scholastic Achievement

In recognition of scholastic achievement, each middle school, grades 6-8, and high school principal shall compile an "Honor Roll" at the end of each grading period listing the names of those students who have achieved academic excellence. Elementary Honor Rolls are not appropriate for this developmental level.

Students repeating a course that was offered for high school credit will have the original course name and grade received showing on the transcript. Students may only receive credit once for any course.

Grade Point Average

- ❖ Grade point averages shall be the sum of the quality points (QP) divided by the number of credits attempted (CA). $G P = QP/CA$ Quality Points: A = 4.0; B = 3.0; C = 2.0; D = 1.0; F = 0.0. Courses Designated as Honors Courses: A = 5.0; B = 4.0; C = 3.0; D = 2.0; F = 0.0.
- ❖ A student withdrawing from a class prior to the 5th week of a 20- week course will not receive a grade for the class. A student withdrawing from a class at the 10th week of a 20-week course will carry the 10-weeks grade. A student withdrawing from a class after the 10th week of a 20-week class will carry the grade for the 1st ten weeks and a WF or WP for the 2nd ten weeks.
- ❖ All averages shall be calculated to five decimal places as calculated by WVEIS and becomes part of the permanent record.

Honor Roll

~~High School students whose grade point average is 3.50 or above shall be placed on the "Principal's Honors List". A student whose grade point average is between 3.0 and 3.49 shall be placed on the Honor Roll.~~

~~Middle School~~ Students whose grade point average is 3.75 or above shall be placed on the "Principal's Honors List." A student whose grade point average is between 3.5 and 3.74 shall be placed on the Honor Roll.

Senior Academic Rank/Honor Graduates

The academic rank of each senior **receiving a standard diploma, except foreign exchange students**, will be determined by the cumulative grades of all courses for which credit is earned in grades 9-12 plus any courses completed prior to grade 9. A final class standing shall be determined as of the end of the senior year. ~~The Valedictorian will be the senior with the highest cumulative point average. The Salutatorian will be the senior with the second highest cumulative average.~~

~~To be considered for honors based solely upon class standing, a student must be enrolled in school from which s/he is to graduate on the first day of school of the student's senior year, unless granted an exemption for educational reasons in accordance with R 11-12-13 Individual Exception to Four-Year Attendance Requirement.~~

Beginning with the class of 2021 and beyond, students with the following GPAs will be recognized at the time of graduation. The students will be recognized in some way chosen by the school such as a sash, sticker on the diploma, different tassel, etc.

4.25 and above	Summa Cum Laude
4.00-4.249	Magna Cum Laude
3.75-3.99	Cum Laude

Any student who enrolls in Preston County Schools after the first day of his or her 12th grade year, and wishes to be considered an Honor Graduate, must calculate all incoming grades using Preston County School's equivalent courses and grading scales.

Knights Honors

A "Knights Honors" has been established to recognize seniors with high academic achievement. "Knights Honors" shall include seniors whose academic rank places them in the top two percent (rounded to the nearest integer) of the graduating class. "Knights Honors" includes the Valedictorian and Salutatorian. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian, along with another student selected by the members of Knights Honors shall be the student speakers at graduation.

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R 3-23-1 Awards and Scholarships

The Board supports awards for students that are based upon scholarship, outstanding citizenship, service, character, dependability, leadership, attitude, and participation. The Board, however, does not approve of giving awards to students when the basic purpose is obviously commercialism. Awards sponsored by a non-school agency that are recognized nationally and/or that are approved by the principal may be given to students at appropriate ceremonies and times as the Superintendent or the school principal may approve. It is the policy of the Preston County Board of Education to actively pursue scholarships for any and all eligible students in Preston County. Counselors, teachers, and principals shall assist students to meet the qualifications of the various available scholarships. The board further agrees to cooperate fully with any organization giving scholarships provided that the scholarship applicants are in no way discriminated against because of race, creed, sex, color, or national origin.