

## 5.17—HONOR ROLL AND HONOR GRADUATES

### HONOR ROLL

Students in grades 3-12 shall be assigned to the honor roll at the end of each grading period based on the following:

1. No grade lower than “B”
2. ELEMENTARY ONLY –Grading period will have no “N” or “U”

### HONOR GRADUATES

Students who have successfully completed the minimum core of courses recommended for preparation for college as defined by the State Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Education and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 that includes the criteria below will be designated as honor students. The entire BHS record (excluding non-solid/activity courses and other courses noted \*) will be used in calculating GPA for these students. Any student transferring from a private school or who have been previously home-schooled is eligible to be recognized as an honor graduate if they also meet the criteria.

Honor graduates are defined as:

1. Any student with a GPA of 3.5000 or better shall be considered an honor graduate if he/she meets all other requirements. These requirements include:
  - a. Must meet graduation requirements for a diploma
  - b. Must be enrolled in all Honors, Pre-AP Core Courses\*\* in grades 10-12
  - c. Must have two years of the same foreign language
  - d. One of four math courses must be Pre-Calculus
  - e. One of three science courses must be Honors/Pre-AP Chemistry or Pre-AP Physics
  - f. Must have taken two science courses in grades 10-12
  - g. One core elective chosen from the following:
    - AP Calculus, AP Statistics, AP Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Environment Science, Honors Anatomy/Physiology, AP Statistics, AP European History, AP Psychology, AP Government, AP Music Theory, AP Art History, AP Computer Science, or AP Spanish
  - h. Students must not have a No Credit (NC) on their record
  - i. Students must not have received alternative placement due to a lack of attendance.

\*Non-solid/activity courses are athletics, teacher's aides, office aides, library aides, driver's education and home school credits not from an accredited program.

\*\*Core Courses are English, math, science and social studies

2. Graduation with honors shall include the following divisions:

- a. Summa cum laude will be awarded to the graduates with a 4.000 or better.
- b. Magna cum laude will be awarded to graduates with a 3.750 or better (3.750-3.999).
- c. Cum laude will be awarded to graduates with a 3.500 or better (3.500-3.749).

## **VALEDICTORIAN**

The honor student with the highest GPA, and who has been enrolled in public school in grades 9 through 12, and in Benton High School as a traditional student for four consecutive semesters (to include the Fall and Spring terms of their junior and senior year), shall serve as the valedictorian of his/her graduating class.

In the event of a tie in grade point average, Co-Valedictorians will be named in lieu of Salutorian.

## **SALUTATORIAN**

The honor student with the second highest GPA, and who has been enrolled in public school in grades 9 through 12, and in Benton High School as a traditional student for four consecutive semesters (to include the Fall and Spring terms of their junior and senior year), shall serve as the salutatorian of his/her graduating class.

In the event of a tie in grade point average, Co-Salutatorians will be named.

Parents or guardians of a student, or a student eighteen (18) years of age or older, who choose to not have the student publicly identified on an honor roll or honor graduate student must submit a written request that the student not be so identified.

Legal References:      A.C.A. § 6-18-101 (a) (1)  
                                 A.C.A. § 6-18-101 (a) (2)  
                                 A.C.A. § 6-18-101 (b)  
                                 A.C.A. § 6-18-101 (e)  
                                 A.C.A. § 6-61-217 (a)

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