

**Policy Number:**

**345.11**

**Title:**

**High School Laude System**

*The purpose of the St. Croix Central Laude System is to encourage and recognize graduates for completion of challenging coursework and prepare for future success.*

Award Levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● There are three levels of awards<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Summa Cum Laude</li><li>○ Magna Cum Laude</li><li>○ Cum Laude</li></ul></li></ul>
Minimum GPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● To be considered for a Laude award, a student must have a cumulative GPA after the first semester senior year of 3.667 or higher rounded to the nearest tenth.</li></ul>
Laude Score	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● A student's Laude Score will be determined by multiplying:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 1) the student's cumulative GPA after the completion of Term 3 of their senior year by</li><li>○ 2) the number of successfully completed SCC HS Laude Courses after the completion of 1st semester of their senior year.</li></ul></li></ul>
Score Breaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No rounding of Laude scores.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 32+ for Summa Cum Laude</li><li>○ 28 - 31.9 for Magna Cum Laude</li><li>○ 24 - 27.9 for Cum Laude</li></ul></li></ul>
Exceptions	Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis for students with unique circumstances, including but not limited to: study abroad, college course load, independent courses, capstone project, virtual learning, published work, exceptional honors in the arts, etc. Students wishing individual consideration must make an application to the Principal by the end of 1st trimester of his/her senior year.
Laude Scores	See the SCC Laude Scoring Chart on the following page.

**Note:** Any instances of academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, etc.) will be thoroughly reviewed by the High School Principal, and other designated staff. Possible consequences for academic dishonesty could include, but are not limited to: removal of Laude status, behavioral referral, parent meeting, or participation in restorative practices.

Samples: **Summa Cum Laude 32+** (minimum combinations for recognition)

4.0 GPA x 10 Laude Course Points = 40  
 3.8 GPA x 9 Laude Course Points = 34.2  
 3.667 GPA x 9 Laude Course Points = 33  
 4.0 GPA x 8 Laude Course Points = 32

**Magna Cum Laude 28.0 - 31.9** (minimum combinations for recognition)

4.0 GPA x 7 Laude Course Points = 28  
 3.8 GPA x 8 Laude Course Points = 30.4  
 3.667 GPA x 8 Laude Course Points = 29.3336

**Cum Laude 24.0 - 27.9** (minimum combinations for recognition)

4.0 GPA x 6 Laude Course Points = 24  
 3.8 GPA x 7 Laude Course Points = 26.6  
 3.667 GPA x 7 Laude Course Points = 25.6669

**SCC Laude Scoring Chart**

	GPA	4	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6667
Laude Points						
10		40	39	38	37	36.667
9		36	35.1	34.2	33.3	33.0003
8		32	31.2	30.4	29.6	29.3336
7		28	27.3	26.6	25.9	25.6669
6		24	23.4	22.8	22.2	22.0002
5		20	19.5	19	18.5	18.3335
4		16	15.6	15.2	14.8	14.6668
3		12	11.7	11.4	11.1	11.0001
2		8	7.8	7.6	7.4	7.3334
1		4	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6667

- Summa Cum Laude
- Magna Cum Laude
- Cum Laude

St. Croix Central High School  
Advanced/Honors Courses for Laude Recognition

Department	Course Title	Laude Points Earned
Social Studies	AP Comparative Government & Politics	1
Social Studies	AP Macroeconomics	1
Social Studies	AP United States History	1
Science	AP Biology	1
Science	AP Environmental Science	1
Science	AP Physics	1
Science	DC Electricity	0.5
Science	Fluid Power Systems	0.5
ELA	Communication 111 (CAPP)	0.5
Math	Math 108 (CAPP Pre-Calc)	1
Math	Math 171(CAPP Calc)	1
Tech Ed	Computer Aided Drafting	0.5
Tech Ed	AC Electricity	0.5
Tech Ed	Packaging Systems Equipment	0.5
Tech Ed	Power Transmission Componentry	0.5
Industry Recognized Certifications		0.5
Technical Diploma		1
Dual Enrollment Courses		0.5-1
Start College Now/Early		1

College Credit		
Music	7 Semesters of Music (Band/Choir) *must be 7 semesters in 1 area to earn points*	1
World Language	7 Semesters of World Language *must be 7 semesters in 1 language to earn points*	1

### **Selection of the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship**

The scholarship is to be awarded to the student with the highest grade point average. The grade point average will be computed for all subjects taken for credit, based on seven (7) semesters of the pupil's 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade experience. The grade point shall be based on a 4.0 scale.

Grade point averages will be carried out to the third (.000) decimal place. All students eligible for this scholarship must have attended St. Croix Central for a minimum of five (5) semesters during grades 9-12.

The Board of Education must identify the recipient.

In the case of ties, the Wisconsin State Statute #39.41 directs the Board to select the recipient. The following procedure will be implemented to break ties:

1. Documentation declaring the student's intent to attend a participating Wisconsin educational institution must be received by February 1<sup>st</sup> of their senior year and a letter of acceptance should accompany this document if possible.
2. If the tie is not broken by step one, the student attending St. Croix Central High School for the most semesters shall be the recipient.
3. If the tie is not broken by steps one and two, then the student with the highest composite ACT score on file by February 1<sup>st</sup> shall be the recipient.
4. If the tie is not broken by steps one, two or three, the student with the most credits completed at SCC High School shall be the recipient.
5. If the tie is not broken by steps one, two, three or four, the Board will select the recipient at the February meeting by a flip of the coin.

### **Selection of the Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship**

Wisconsin's Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship is a State supported program, jointly administered by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB). The program offers scholarship recipients scholarships for post high school education at eligible technical education institutions in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Act 60 created a Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program under which the HEAB will award scholarships to scholars designated on the basis of the student's demonstrated level of proficiency in technical education subjects, provided that the recipient enrolls in a participating technical college on a full-time basis.

Annually, by February 15, the recipients of the Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship shall be selected by the High School Scholarship Committee. If the initial criteria outlined below fails to identify the recipients, the Scholarship Committee shall use the ranking criteria as established by this policy. The number of recipients will be determined based on high school enrollment per Wisconsin Statutes.

#### Eligibility

1. An eligible candidate must have an overall GPA of 2.667 or higher.
2. An eligible candidate is a high school senior.
3. An eligible candidate must meet at least one of the following eligibility items.
  - a. Be a CTE (Career and Technical Education) Concentrator, defined as completing at least three (3) high school CTE courses in program area(s) in the student's chosen pathway. The candidate can be enrolled in their third course at the time of their nomination.
  - b. Participated in a Youth Apprenticeship Program under the supervision of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.
  - c. Participated in a Technical High School Diploma program as certified by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.
  - d. Participated in a Career and Technical Training pathway as defined by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.
  - e. Participated in a Skills Standards Program offered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.
  - f. Completed or be on track to complete an industry-recognized certification program approved under Wis. Stats. 115.367 (2).
  - g. Participated in a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) in Wisconsin: DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, or SkillsUSA.
  - h. Completed a technical training program for high school students if the program is offered by a UW System school, a Wisconsin Technical College System school, a tribal college in Wisconsin, or a private nonprofit college or university located in Wisconsin.

#### Ranking of Eligible Candidates

1. Candidates will be ranked at the end of the first semester of their senior year.
2. Candidates will be ranked based on the following point system reflective of course work and technical education experience.
  - a. One point is given to a student for each credit earned in high school in CTE courses.
  - b. One point is given to a student for each year of activity in a Career and Technical Student Organization in Wisconsin (For activity in multiple CTSOs, one point is to be given for each year of participation in each of the six CTSOs.) Districts are to determine the points awarded.
  - c. For the purpose of assigning a ranking among eligible candidates, credit hours in process at the time of nomination should be counted toward the number of credits the student has earned.
  - d. If students are tied on points, students with equal points will be ranked on their GPA in CTE courses. This will be the first tie-breaker.
  - e. Should students be tied after the first tie-breaker, the student with the highest composite score on the ACT shall be designated as the recipient or alternate. This will be the second tie-breaker.
  - f. Should any recipients or alternates be tied after the first two tie-breakers, the High School Scholarship Committee shall select the recipients or alternate based on the number of school leadership positions held by the student. School leadership positions shall be defined as an officer position in an established, District approved activity, including athletic captains, co-curricular officers, club and activity officers, and student government officers. The decision of this committee in interpreting this provision shall be final.

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