

RSU #2 POLICY ON CLASS RANK

RSU 2 encourages all students to learn at their own pace and achieve to the best of their abilities. To recognize and honor students' academic achievements, each RSU 2 high school will rank graduates in order of their weighted grade point averages.

Eligibility for Class Rank

Students are ranked in the cohort in which they graduate. To be eligible for cohort ranking, a student must be enrolled at an RSU 2 school for at least four semesters. (Reference: Policy IKA – Performance Reporting System)

Determining Class Rank

Class rank is calculated by adding the weighted grades of every high school level experience, then dividing by the number of equivalent experiences the student has completed at an RSU 2 school. All dual enrollment/college courses completed through an RSU 2 school also will be included in class rank. Courses completed at other schools appear on students' transcripts but are not included in class rank calculations.

Graduation Honors

Effective with the graduating class of 2023, students who achieve at superior levels will be awarded academic honors as follows:

- *Summa cum laude*: 3.85 cumulative weighted GPA and above
- *Magna cum laude*: 3.6-3.84.9 cumulative weighted GPA
- *Cum laude*: 3.35-3.59.9 cumulative weighted GPA

For all graduating classes prior to the class of 2023, the existing academic honors will remain in effect:

- *Summa cum laude*: 3.75 cumulative weighted GPA and above
- *Magna cum laude*: 3.50-3.749 cumulative weighted GPA
- *Cum laude*: 3.25-3.499 cumulative weighted GPA

Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Effective 2020, the student with the highest cumulative weighted GPA is deemed the valedictorian. The student with the second highest cumulative GPA is deemed the salutatorian. In the event that two or more students have cumulative weighted GPAs within one one-hundredth of a point (0.01) of each other, the principal may name co-valedictorians or co-salutatorians.

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