

Academic Honors

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Students who have earned at least 50% of their high school credits at Mercer County High School and have been enrolled their entire senior year will be eligible for valedictorian and salutatorian. Based on scholastic achievement in the grades nine (9) through twelve (12), students in the senior class with the highest and second highest weighted numerical grade point average shall be designated respectively as valedictorian and salutatorian. Weighted numerical grade point average will be calculated and ranked as defined by SBDM council policy.

JUNIOR HIGH VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Based on all grades earned in **sixth, seventh, and eighth grades**, the students with the highest and second highest numerical grade point average in the eighth-grade class shall be chosen respectively as valedictorian and salutatorian.

HONOR ROLLS

At the high school level, honor rolls will be published each semester.

Students qualifying for the "All A" Honor Roll shall make no grade lower than an A.

To make the "B" Honor Roll, students shall achieve a grade average no lower than a B with no grades below 80%.

CLASS RANK

Based on a weighted numerical grade point average, class rank will be calculated for all students with the exceptions of foreign exchange students and those students receiving an alternate diploma due to severe disabilities.

ACADEMIC LETTERS

Qualifying students in grades nine through twelve (9-12) shall be awarded an academic letter and, in subsequent years, lamps of knowledge by the Academic Boosters and Rotary Clubs, based on the following criteria:

1. Students must have attended the high school for at least one (1) full year.
2. Students shall have earned a grade point average of at least 3.51.
3. Students shall have achieved satisfactory conduct ratings.

OTHER AWARDS

Special achievement awards shall be granted to students at the end of the school year.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall develop procedures to govern identification and announcement of student honors and award recipients.

RELATED POLICY:

08.221

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