

# Houston County Board of Education

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Beginning with the Freshman class of 2019-2020, students must be enrolled full time at the home base school to be eligible for ranking among the top high school seniors. All grades earned in grades 9-12 will be counted toward the grade point average and the rank in class.

Honor roll students will be determined by standards approved by the Board. Students who meet these standards, and who do not request otherwise, will have their names submitted to the principal for release.

### VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN SELECTION

The valedictorian of the graduating class will be a student who has:

- the highest numerical average
- has met the requirements to receive an honors diploma
- (for credit) all *designated honors* classes in English, math, and science (an equivalent college level course may be substituted but is not required).
- four math classes: (Algebra I & II, Geometry, and one additional upper level class *excluding* Bridge Math, SAILS Bridge Math, and Applied Math Concepts).
- four science classes
- take college focus courses (two (2) credits in same foreign language and one (1) credit in a fine art)
- met all of the graduation requirements set forth by the Tennessee State Board of Education
- must be enrolled at Houston County High School all 4 semesters of their Junior and Senior year. Enrollment must take place within the first five (5) school days of the Junior year.
- if two or more students with the highest numerical grade point average have met the above criteria, then these students shall share the honor of being co-valedictorians.

The salutatorian of the graduating class will be the student that has the second highest standard grade point average and has met the above criteria.

**Honors Diploma:** Students who score at or above all of the subject area readiness benchmarks on the ACT or equivalent score on the SAT will graduate with honors. (Established by the State Dept)

**Graduating with "Distinction":** Students will be recognized with "distinction" by attaining a B average and completing at least one of the following:

- earn a nationally recognized industry certification
- participate in at least one of the Governor's Schools
- participate in one of the state's All State musical organizations
- be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-Finalist
- attain a score of 31 or higher composite score on the ACT
- attain a score of 3 or higher on at least two advanced placement exams
- successfully complete the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
- earn 12 or more semester hours of transcribed post-secondary credit

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Cross References:

Grading System 4.600

Graduation Requirements 4.605