



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Grading Systems

It shall be the policy of the River Valley School District to evaluate student achievement in grades kindergarten through 12. Grades issued on a regular basis serve to:

- a. Promote a process of continuous evaluation of student performance;
- b. Inform the student and his/her parent(s) or guardian of the student's progress; and
- c. Provide a basis for bringing about change in student performance if such change is deemed necessary.

Starting with the graduating Class of 2011 – The high school will recognize graduating seniors through the Laude System (combination of cumulative grade point average and honor class points= Laude points). Those students who earn Summa Cum Laude (50 points or higher) will be awarded gold cords to be worn at graduation. Those students who earn Magna Cum Laude (32 – 49.9 points) will be awarded with silver cords to be worn at graduation. Those students who earn Cum Laude (16 – 31.9) points will be awarded with white cords to be worn at graduation. Minimum qualifications for Cum Laude are a 3.2 GPA and 16 Laude points.

Transfer students will receive honor points toward the Laude System, for Advance Placement Courses and Project Lead the Way Courses passed and completed at their previous school.

Due to the varying nature of how honors classes are designated in other schools, honors classes besides Advanced Placement and Project Lead the Way will not be granted to transfer students for honor points toward the Laude System.

Advanced Placement (AP) and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses = 1 honor point per semester for each course completed and passed.

Advanced Standing and Department Designated Honors Courses = ½ honor point per semester for each course completed and passed.

A complete listing of current Cum Laude Honors Courses can be found in the most current High School Course Description Booklet located in the high school counseling office or online at the high school counseling website.

Specific grading guidelines shall be developed for use in the district.

The River Valley School District shall not discriminate in the methods, practices and materials used for evaluating students on any basis prohibited by law.

LEGAL REF.: Section 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes
PI 9.03 (1), Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: [Policy #345.11 - Final Exams](#)
[Policy #411 - Equal Educational Opportunities](#)
[Policy #411-Rule - Discrimination Complaint Procedures](#)
[Policy #345.1 – Rule 1– Cum Laude Chart](#)

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