



# RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Academic Honors and High School Laude System

Honor roll shall be published in the River Valley School District each grading period. Students in the middle school and high school who maintain specified grade point averages shall be eligible for district honor roll.

### RECOGNITION OF SENIORS

Laude System recognition at graduation will go as follows: Seniors who have earned the Summa Cum Laude Distinction will be awarded gold stoles, seniors who have earned the Magna Cum Laude Distinction will be awarded silver stoles and seniors who have earned Cum Laude Distinction will be awarded white stoles. Please note: A final 8<sup>th</sup> semester cumulative grade point average is configured at the end of the school year and grading period. If a student has earned a Laude Distinction after the 8<sup>th</sup> semester cumulative grade point average is figured, the student will be notified, the new Laude Distinction will be noted on the final transcript, and they will also receive a certificate of recognition. The student may request the appropriate stole that corresponds to the Laude Distinction earned. Graduation speakers will be selected from a pool of students who have earned the Distinction of Summa Cum Laude based on 7<sup>th</sup> semester GPA and 7<sup>th</sup> semester honor points. This pool of interested students eligible to speak will be voted on by the high school faculty.

### **CLASS OF 2019, 2020, 2021**

~~The high school will recognize graduating seniors through the Laude System. The Laude System acknowledges student achievement through a combination of student cumulative grade point average (CGPA) at the end of seven semesters and the number of honor points earned during their high school career. The minimum requirements to be recognized at graduation are a 3.2 cumulative grade point average at the end of 7 semesters and a Laude score of 16 during their high school career. Their CGPA and honor points make up their overall Laude score, which places them into one of the possible Laude Distinctions: Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude. Students who earn Summa Cum Laude must have a Laude score of 50 or higher; students who earn Magna Cum Laude must have a Laude score between 32—49.99; and students who earn Cum Laude must have a Laude score between 16.99—32.99.~~

~~Transfer students will receive honor points toward the Laude System for Advanced Placement courses passed and completed at their previous school. Due to the varying nature of how honor classes are designated in other schools, honor 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) are worth 1 honor point per semester for each course completed and passed. Advanced Standing/Transcripted Credit and Department Designated Honors Courses are worth a ½ honor point per semester for each course completed and passed. A complete listing of current Laude honor courses can be found in the most current high school course description book located online on the high school counseling department website.~~

### **CLASS OF 2022 and Beyond**

The high school will recognize graduating seniors through the Laude System. The Laude System acknowledges student achievement through a combination of student cumulative grade point average (CGPA) at the end of 7 semesters and the number of honor points earned during their high school career.

The minimum requirements to be recognized at graduation are a **minimum 3.0** cumulative grade point average at the end of 7 semesters and a minimum of **10 honor points, or a 3.2 GPA and minimum of 5 honor points** ~~during their high school career.~~

Their CGPA and honor points places them into one of the possible Laude Distinctions: Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude.

Students who earn Summa Cum Laude must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, and have earned at least 14 honor points; students who earn Magna Cum Laude must have a cumulative GPA of between 3.2 and 3.499, and have earned at least 10 honor points; and students who earn Cum Laude must have a GPA minimum of 3.0 and at least **10 honor points, or a GPA minimum of 3.2 and 5 honor points.**

Transfer students will receive honor points toward the Laude System for Advanced Placement courses passed and completed at their previous school. Due to the varying nature of how honor classes are designated in other schools, honor classes besides Advanced Placement will not be granted to transfer students for honor points toward the Laude System. Students taking honor courses via River Valley's eSchool may earn honor points toward the Laude System, but the courses will reflect the honor points earned by River Valley's equivalent traditional classes, and will be reviewed by representatives of the Laude Review Committee.

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are worth 1 honor point per semester for each course completed and passed. Advanced Standing/Transcripted Credit and Department Designated Honors Courses are worth a ½ honor point per semester for each course completed and passed. A complete listing of current Laude honor courses can be found in the most current high school course description book located online on the high school counseling department website.

#### OTHER HONOR PROGRAMS

Other honor programs recognizing student academic achievement may be implemented in the district in accordance with guidelines established by the administration.

“Honors” and “High Honors” are determined as follows for Middle School and High School students:

Middle School Honors:	3.0 GPA	High School Honors:	3.0 GPA
Middle School High Honors:	3.5 GPA	High School High Honors:	3.5 GPA
Middle School Highest Honors:	3.75 GPA		

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