

GUIDELINES FOR RECOGNIZING STUDENTS AND DETERMINING GRADE POINT AVERAGES

The Conroe Independent School District Board of Education approved guidelines for determining class rank are:

A. **Class of 2003 & 2004**

Students meeting the following criteria will be recognized as Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude.

1. **Summa Cum Laude**

- a. Greater than a 3.97 grade point average
- b. 85 or above in advanced courses and 90 or above in level courses with no more than 1 "B" (80-84) in any advanced course or 1 "B" (80-89) in any level course
- c. Pre AP & AP or above semester credits in the 14 academic courses required
 - English I-IV --- 4 Pre AP & AP credits
 - Math --- a minimum of three Pre AP & AP credits in grades 9-12, completing a minimum of Pre-Calculus
 - Science --- a minimum of three Pre AP & AP credits selected from Biology, Chemistry, and Physics courses
 - Social Studies --- four Pre AP & AP credits including World Geography, World History, U.S. History, and Government/Economics

2. **Magna Cum Laude**

- a. Greater than 3.9 grade point average
- b. Fourteen (14) Pre AP & AP semester credits

3. **Cum Laude**

- a. Top 15% of the graduating class or greater than 3.8 grade point average

C. **Procedures for determining state mandated awards (rank 1 and 2):**

1. Students must be selected from Summa Cum Laude graduates
2. In the event more than two students have the same grade point average, places will be determined by the following:
 - a. Number of Pre AP & AP "A's" in the academic courses.
 - b. Number of level "A's" and Pre AP & AP "B's" in the academic courses.
 - c. Numerical average in courses in the four academic areas.

D. **Point Distribution:**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Letter</u>	<u>PreAP/AP</u>	<u>Level</u>
90-100	A	4	4
85-89	B	4	3
80-84	B	3.5	3
75-79	C	3	2
70-74	D	2	1
0-69	F	0	0

- E. Transfer students will receive the maximum grade points at the appropriate level for each letter grade they transfer in if there is no numerical grade.
- F. If a student takes a credit by exam and passes or fails, the passing or failure will count toward the grade point average.
- G. Correspondence courses count toward grade point average but may not be considered for Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Cum Laude.

- H. In order for a student to be considered for Summa Cum Laude, he/she must be enrolled in a Conroe Independent School District high school and must have received a six weeks report of at least six consecutive times beginning the fifth (5th) six weeks of his/her junior year if the school is operating on a six-weeks grading period. If the school is utilizing a nine-week grading period, the student must have received a nine-week report for at least four consecutive nine-weeks beginning at the onset of the fourth nine-week grading period of his/her junior year.
- I. Graduation speakers will be chosen from the Summa Cum Laude and Magna Cum Laude graduates and will be selected by a campus committee. The make-up of this committee will be selected by the principal.

J. Class of 2005 and 2006 GPA/Class Rank System

MODIFIED "FOUR-PLUS" GPA/CLASS RANK SYSTEM

Grade Range	Letter Semester Grade	Core * AP/DC	Core ** PreAP/H Courses	Level*** and All Other Courses	Modified
90 - 100	A	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0
80 - 89	B	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0
75 - 79	C	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0
70 - 74	D	3.0	2.0	1.0	.5
Below 70	F	0	0	0	0

* AP/DC: All Advanced Placement courses and AP/Dual Credit Required core courses taught on the high school campus.

** Pre AP/Honors: All Honors / Pre-AP courses, Dual Credit Honors Courses- Anatomy and Physiology, College Algebra, and Psychology

*** All other courses not listed above

- K. Students meeting the following criteria will be recognized as Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude. Grade points will be rounded to the nearest ten-thousandth (4 decimal places).

1. **Summa Cum Laude**
Top 5% of graduating class
2. **Magna Cum Laude**
Top 10% of graduating class
3. **Cum Laude**
Top 15% of the graduating class

- L. Procedures for determining state mandated awards (rank 1 and 2):
 - 1. Students must be selected from Summa Cum Laude graduates
 - 2. In the event more than two students have the same *rounded* grade point average, places will be determined by the calculating the numerical average in courses in the four academic areas.
- M. Transfer students will receive the maximum grade points at the appropriate level for each letter grade they transfer if there is no numerical grade.
- N. If a student takes a credit by exam and passes or fails, the passing or failure will count toward the grade point average.
- O. Correspondence courses count toward grade point average but may not be considered for Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Cum Laude.
- P. In order for a student to be considered for Summa Cum Laude, he/she must be enrolled in *the same* Conroe Independent School District high school *for 1 1/2 school years* and must have received a nine- weeks report of at least *five* consecutive nine-weeks beginning at the onset of the *third* nine-week grading period of his/her junior year.
- Q. Graduation speakers will be chosen from the Summa Cum Laude and Magna Cum Laude graduates and will be selected by a campus committee. The composition of this committee will be determined by the principal.