

**Academic Honors****HONOR RECOGNITION FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2015**

Students achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher shall be considered as graduating with honors and shall be recognized by the Board at the graduation ceremony. Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, grade point averages shall be calculated according to the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) 4.0 scale which includes one (1) additional quality point for Advanced Placement courses and one (1) quality point for dual credit/college classes. Grade point averages prior to the 2014-2015 school year shall remain valid and shall be used in calculating a student's grade point average.

The students who comply with the above Summa Cum Laude conditions and accumulate the highest and second highest grade point average in the senior class shall be the class Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

Awarding of academic honors shall be as follows:

| Recognition     | GPA Requirements | Required Courses*   |
|-----------------|------------------|---|
| Cum Laude       | 3.500            | Zero (0)  |
| Magna Cum Laude | 3.700            | One (1) Advanced Placement Course or one (1) Dual Credit/College Course   |
| Summa Cum Laude | 4.100            | Two (2) Advanced Placement Courses or<br>One (1) Advanced Placement Course and one (1) Dual Credit/College Course |

\*Students completing two (2) years at the Gatton Academy shall be recognized based on GPA requirements.

\*\*The students who comply with the above Summa Cum Laude conditions and accumulate the highest and second highest grade point average in the senior class shall be the class Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

Note- If college and/or scholarship applications require class rank, it will be provided.

**HONOR RECOGNITION FOR THE GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2016 AND BEYOND**

Students achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher shall be considered as graduating with honors and shall be recognized by the Board at the graduation ceremony. All academic awards shall be calculated according to the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) 4.0 scale which includes one (1) additional quality point for Advanced Placement courses and one (1) quality point for dual credit/college classes.

The students who comply with the above Summa Cum Laude conditions and accumulate the highest and second highest grade point average in the senior class shall be the class Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

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## HONOR RECOGNITION FOR THE GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2016 AND BEYOND (CONTINUED)

Awarding of academic honors shall be as follows:

| Recognition     | GPA Requirements and ACT Score              | Required Courses  |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Cum Laude       | 3.500                                       | Zero (0)  |
| Magna Cum Laude | 3.800<br>Minimum composite of 24 on the ACT | Two (2) Advanced Placement Courses<br>or<br><del>One (1) Advanced Placement and one (1) Two (2) Dual Credit/College Courses</del>   |
| Summa Cum Laude | 4.100<br>Minimum composite of 26 on the ACT | Four (4) Advanced Placement Courses<br>or<br><del>Two (2) Advanced Placement and two (2) Four (4) Dual Credit/College Courses</del> |

\*\*The students who comply with the above Summa Cum Laude conditions and accumulate the highest and second highest grade point average in the senior class shall be the class Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

Additional academic, athletic, attendance and/or achievement awards may be granted to students.

**CRITERIA**

Criteria for each award shall be submitted to the Principal for approval and shall be disseminated to students at the beginning of the school year.

**REFERENCE:**

704 KAR 3:305

**RELATED POLICIES:**

08.113; 08.1131; 08.1133; 08.221