

## CLASS RANKINGS

The Board has authorized the use of a class ranking system for grades 9-12. The system to be used is detailed below. Class rank is one of the criteria used to determine final class standing and the determination of valedictorian (first in class) and salutatorian (second in class) awards issued at commencement. This ranking is also requested by some colleges and is reported on the transcript.

Rank in class is determined by a student's weighted grade-point average. Class is determined at the conclusion of each semester by using the GPA (grade-point average) and ranking students numerically. GPA calculations include grades earned in all subjects taken for high school credit. Vocational students, i.e., those students attending schools of the Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development, are considered to be Milford High School students and will be included in the Milford High School Rank in Class. Semester grades in all courses earning a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F are used to determine a student's grade-point average. The following scale is used in determining a student's grade-point average\*:

$$A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0$$

\*0.25 credit classes carry 50% less weight in calculating GPA.

## WEIGHTED GRADES

Students who earn a grade of "C" or higher in the following classes have a weight (varies by course) added to their cumulative grade point average each semester for the courses listed below:

Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year (some courses will be phased in by graduating class).

### For students in the class of 2016:

No changes: .015 added/semester for Honors Classes

Honors English 11  
Honors English 10  
Honors English 9  
Honors Pre-calculus  
Honors Physics  
Honors Chemistry  
Honors World History  
Honors Biology  
Honors Physical Science  
Honors Math I  
Honors Math II  
Honors Math III

**Junior and Senior Level Honors Classes:**

.025 added/semester (an increase from .015/semester)

Changes affecting the Class of 2017:

Honors English 11 (beginning with the class of 2017)

Honors Pre-calculus (beginning with the class of 2017; retroactive for 10 students who took the course in 2014-2015)

Honors Physics (beginning with the class of 2017)

Changes affecting the Class of 2018:

Honors Chemistry (beginning with the class of 2018).

For students in the class of 2017, the weight remains .015/semester)

Spanish IV (beginning with the class of 2018)

German IV (beginning with the class of 2018)

French IV (beginning with the class of 2018)

Chinese IV (beginning with the class of 2018)

**Freshman and Sophomore Level Honors Classes:**

.015 added/semester (no change)

Honors English 9

Honors English 10

Honors World History

Honors Biology

Honors Physical Science

Honors Math I

Honors Math II

Honors Math III

**AP Courses:**

.030 added/semester (no change)

AP English Literature and Composition

AP English Language and Composition

AP Calculus

AP Statistics

AP Spanish Language

AP French Language

AP Art Portfolio

AP U.S. History

AP U.S. Government

AP Psychology

AP Human Geography

AP World History

AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Music Theory

AP Courses added in future years:

(scheduled to be added in 2016-2017)

AP German Language  
AP Chinese Language

The grades and class rank of students new to Milford High School will be converted to the above system. Only those honors classes taken and weighted at Milford will be weighted in determining the student's GPA.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

Equivalent courses to Milford High School's Honors and AP classes will be weighted as AP classes. Equivalency will be determined by comparing the course syllabi. The final determination of equivalency will be made by the district curriculum director.

ONLINE COURSES

AP and Honors classes taken through an online provider will not be weighted.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION CRITERIA (determined at the end of seven semesters)

Summa Cum Laude 4.25+ weighted GPA

(replacing the Top 25 recognition - beginning with the class of 2016)

Magna Cum Laude 3.8000 – 4.2499 \*

Cum Laude 3.5000 – 3.7999 \*

\*Unrounded

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN (determined at the end of eight semesters)

1. Must have been enrolled as a Milford High School student for his or her entire senior year.

2. Must have met the state criteria for an honors diploma.
3. Ranked first in the class and meet requirements 1 and 2 (valedictorian) or ranked second in the class and meet requirements 1 and 2 (salutatorian).
  - a) Weighted grades will be used to calculate the grade point average and the class rank after eight semesters.
4. If the student ranked first in the class does not meet requirements 1 and 2, the student with the next highest grade point average who meets requirements 1 and 2 will be named the valedictorian. If the student ranked second in the class does not meet requirements 1 and 2, the student with the next highest grade point average who meets requirements 1 and 2 will be named the salutatorian.

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