

**Student Academic Achievement****Class Rankings**

In the interest of encouraging and recognizing outstanding academic achievement, a valedictorian and salutatorian will be selected for the high school graduating classes of 2020 and 2021. The valedictorian and salutatorian will be selected according to the following procedure:

1. The valedictorian will be the student with the highest cumulative grade point average as computed at the end of eight semesters of high school work.
2. The salutatorian will be the student with the second-highest cumulative grade point average as computed at the end of eight semesters of high school work.
3. In case of a tie for valedictorian, co-valedictorians will be honored.
4. In case of a tie for salutatorian, co-salutatorians will be honored.
5. To be eligible for valedictorian and salutatorian honors, a student must have pursued and attained the Diploma of Distinction and be enrolled with the school district before and continuously following the 10th school day of the student's senior year.

The class of 2020 and the class of 2021 will be the last two classes using the class ranking system to select a valedictorian and salutatorian. Beginning with the class of 2022, Knox County R-1 High School will begin recognizing honor graduates instead of valedictorian and salutatorian during the graduation ceremony. Those levels are:

1. Summa Cum Laude
  - a. GPA 3.95-4.00+
  - b. Minimum 22 ACT
  - c. Rigorous Course of Study
2. Magna Cum Laude
  - a. GPA 3.75-3.94
  - b. Minimum 22 ACT
  - c. Rigorous Course of Study
3. Cum Laude
  - a. GPA 3.50-3.74
  - b. Minimum 22 ACT
  - c. Rigorous Course of Study

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