

Instruction

Achievement and Awards

Assessing and Communicating Student Academic Achievement

The purpose of grading is to reflect what students have learned and are able to do.

The purpose of a report card is to communicate to parents the achievement status of students.

The purpose of homework is to enrich student learning experiences beyond the classroom, promote skill mastery, provide opportunities for students to go further with their own desire to acquire knowledge, and complete work that is unfinished.

Graduation Recognition

The Cum Laude system is used for graduation recognition. When specifically required by a college for scholarship applications, required reports, and other necessary communications, rank by percentage (top 10%, top 25%, etc.) will be provided for those specific purposes.

Cum Laude System

- Cum Laude = 3.25 – 3.49 (with honors)
- Magna Cum Laude = 3.5 – 3.74 (with great honors)
- Summa Cum Laude = 3.75 and above (with highest honor)

Graduates may also be recognized for:

- Gold Stoles – 4.0 or higher cumulative GPA (after 7 semesters)
- Navy Cords – National Honor Society
- Purple Cords – National Technical Honor Society
- Silver Cords – 100 total hours of community service
- Gold Cords – Illinois State Scholars
- Red/White/Blue Cords - Military
- President's Award for Educational Excellence Pin

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