

Class rankings are one method of measuring academic performance. The Wake County Board of Education also recognizes other means of evaluating student achievement, including grade point average, courses completed, level of rigor of curriculum, results of tests and assessments, and recommendation letters.

High school principals shall provide for the compilation of class rankings to be listed on student transcripts. While the board encourages broad means of recognizing student achievement, high school principals shall not use class rank to designate a valedictorian or salutatorian beyond the graduating class of 2018. Beginning in 2018-19, high school principals shall designate the following senior honors:

1. Students with a 3.75 - 3.99 weighted grade point average shall receive the distinction of cum laude
2. Students with a 4.0 - 4.249 weighted grade point average shall receive the distinction of magna cum laude
3. Students with a 4.25 or higher weighted grade point average shall receive the distinction of summa cum laude

Principals shall ensure that class ranking is computed in accordance with State Board of Education Policy GCS-L-004. The superintendent and principal shall ensure that students and parents receive adequate notice as to how class rank is calculated and shall provide written procedures on how students with equal grades, or grades that may be perceived as equal, will be treated. Nothing in this policy provides a student with any legal entitlement to a particular class rank or title.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-47, -81, -276, -288; 116-11(10a); State Board of Education Policy GCS-L-004

Adopted: