

GPA, HONOR PARTS, HONOR ROLL

1. It is the intent of the CSD 13 School Board to recognize and reward academic excellence. School curriculum is designed so that all students have the opportunity to achieve excellence regardless of program or current level of performance. Academic recognition is provided to celebrate the achievement of students.
2. Calculation of GPA and Class Rank.
 - a. Classes of 2016, 2017, and 2018. Grade point averages for high school students are calculated on a 100 point scale. GPAs are determined by multiplying the student's final grade in a course by the credit awarded by the course (whether the student earned the credit or not) to create a weighted course grade and then calculating the average of the weighted grades in all of the student's attempted credits. Independent, correspondence, online, and college courses are not factored into a student's GPA.
 - b. Class of 2019 and subsequent classes. It is the intent of the CSD 13 School Board to acknowledge meaningful learning experiences that may occur outside of traditional classroom environments, while also ensuring appropriate checks and balances to credits and grades awarded. Grade point averages for high school students are calculated on a 100 point scale. GPAs are determined by multiplying the student's converted, final grade in a course/learning experience by the unit awarded by the course to create a weighted course grade and then calculating the average of the weighted grades in all of the student's attempted units.

All learning experiences for which a certified DISHS teacher is assigning a proficiency score on at least one high school graduation standard will count towards a student's GPA. Other learning experiences may be included in a student's GPA if they are part of the student's personal learning plan, are aligned with high school graduation standards, and have received prior approval from the principal. Grades and coursework aligned with learning standards below 9th grade will not factor into the calculation of GPAs and therefore will not factor into class rank.

- c. Class rank will be based upon grades earned in course work and other approved learning experiences described in a student's personal learning plan completed over seven semesters at state approved secondary schools. These seven semesters include two semesters each from grades 9, 10, and 11 and the first semester from grade 12. In order to be assigned a class rank, the student must fulfill an attendance requirement of two semesters for grade 11 and two semesters for grade 12 as a full-time day student at Deer Isle-Stonington High School. One semester of this attendance requirement may be

fulfilled by enrollment in programs approved by the guidance counselor and principal but which are not available at Deer Isle-Stonington High School.

- d. Class ranking for students transferring from unapproved secondary schools or not meeting the attendance requirement will be provided for college admissions purposes only. Since a precise rank is unavailable, an approximate rank to the nearest tenth from the top will be given to the college, with a letter from the guidance counselor explaining how this approximation was determined.

3. Honor Parts

- a. The Valedictorian, Salutatorian, 1st Honors Essayist, and 2nd Honors Essayist will be determined from individual student's class rank based upon grades earned in course work taken over seven semesters at state approved secondary schools. These seven semesters include two semesters each from grades 9, 10, and 11 and the first semester from grade 12.
- b. In addition, to be eligible for a graduation honor part, a student must fulfill an attendance requirement of two semesters for grade 11 and two semesters for grade 12 as a full-time day student at Deer Isle-Stonington High School. One semester of this attendance requirement may be fulfilled by enrollment in programs approved by the guidance counselor and principal but which are not available at Deer Isle-Stonington High School.
- c. Any student who has attained an average of 85 or above from seven semesters of approved coursework is eligible to wear a gold tassel on his/her graduation cap during the commencement ceremonies.
- d. Classes of 2016, 2017, and 2018: at least 50% of the course work taken must be from non-modified college preparatory courses. Grades from an approved, one semester program not offered at Deer Isle-Stonington High School (see paragraph 3b, above) may be substituted for one of the seven semesters required from state approved secondary schools.

4. Honor Roll.

- a. High school students earning a grade point average of 93 or higher in all classes/learning experiences will be granted Honors with Highest Distinction. Students earning a grade point average of 93 or higher with no single class/learning experience grade below an 85 will be granted Honors with Distinction. Students earning a grade point average of 85 in all classes/learning experiences will be granted Honors.
- b. For students in the graduating classes of 2016, 2017, and 2018, correspondence courses and driver education grades will not count. Students must receive numerical grades in at least two classes and a passing grade in all pass/fail courses/credits to earn this recognition. Students with any incompletes will not be eligible for the honor roll.
- c. For students in the Class of 2019 and subsequent classes, students may have incomplete standards/grades and still be eligible for the honor roll but must have numeric scores for at least three units worth of classes/learning experiences.

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