

Holmes High School

SBDM Policy

School-Wide Grading, Honor Graduates, Weighting of Grades HHS Best Practice Policy

To create a consistent method of grading and reporting, Holmes High School will implement the following grading practices:

School-Wide Grading

All one-credit courses will use the following grading percentages to determine the final grade in a course.

1st Quarter = 40%

2nd Quarter = 40%

Final Exam = 20%

All courses will have a common, comprehensive final exam or performance event. There will be no final exam exemptions.

Team Time

Team Time courses will earn a pass/fail .25 credit per year that does not impact GPA retroactive to August 16, 2018. Amended on November 12, 2018.

Honor Graduates

The valedictorian and salutatorian will be determined by the highest weighted GPA to the thousandths decimal. In the event of a tie, the student with the highest earned ACT composite score will be the valedictorian.

Beginning with the class of 2015, students who have a cumulative weighted grade point average of 3.5 through 3.699 will be recognized as cum laude graduates. Students with averages of 3.7 through 3.899 will be named magna cum laude graduates. Those with grade point averages of 3.9 and above will be honored as summa cum laude graduates.

Weighting of Grades

All students enrolled in courses that have the potential to earn college credit (e.g. dual credit, AP, IB) will be eligible to receive one weighted point for any grade of C or above for the purpose of adjusted grade point average and class rank.

A will carry a weight of 5.0

B will carry a weight of 4.0

C will carry a weight of 3.0

1st Reading – 10-16-17

2nd Reading – 11-13-17

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