

Latin Honors Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish a standardized system for recognizing academic excellence among graduating students through Latin Honors distinctions. This policy ensures consistency, fairness, and recognition of students' outstanding achievements.

Latin Honors are graduation distinctions bestowed at graduation ceremonies that mark tremendous academic achievement. The distinction of Cum Laude recognizes students who graduate "with praise". The distinction of Magna Cum Laude recognizes students who graduate "with great praise". The distinction of Summa Cum Laude recognizes students "with highest praise".

The Academy shall award Latin Honors distinctions to graduating students who achieve a high level of academic excellence based on their weighted Grade Point Average (GPA). The honors designations are as follows:

- Summa Cum Laude Distinction for students with a weighted GPA of 4.3 or higher
- Magna Cum Laude for students with a weighted GPA of 4.0 to 4.299
- Cum Laude for students with a weighted GPA of 3.5 to 3.999

The board approved GPA method of calculating the weighted GPA will be used to determine distinctions. Honors at graduation will be determined at the end of the first semester of the senior year. Completed Honors, Advanced Placement, and approved college / university courses will be factored into the grade point average (GPA) utilizing the weighted scale only for the purpose of determining class rank and the Latin Honors distinctions.