

LATIN HONORS PROGRAM

To promote academic excellence and acknowledge those who pursue it, THS is proud to recognize at graduation the achievement of students who complete our Latin Honors Program. The criteria for this rigorous course of study is listed below.

Students who satisfactorily meet the requirements of this program will receive a Latin Honors cord and their achievement will be noted in the graduation program.

3.70 – 3.99 Cum Laude (Gold Cord)

4.00 – 4.19 Magna Cum Laude (Maroon Cord)

4.20 – above Summa Cum Laude (Gold and Maroon Cord)

In order to qualify for Latin Honors a student must:

1. **Complete all THS graduation requirements.**
2. **Have a minimum weighted GPA of 3.70 (GPA will not be rounded up) at the end of the seventh semester.**
3. **Have completed mathematics through Pre-Calculus.**
4. **Have earned four science credits.**
5. **Have completed foreign language study through Level III.**
6. **Have taken FOUR different AP courses and have received or will receive an AP exam score for each one** (AP science courses used to fulfill #4 above can be used concurrently to fulfill this requirement).
7. **Have taken no fewer than SIX class periods in both semesters of their senior year** (second semester exemptions may be made at the discretion of the principal, particularly for those who graduate a semester early).
8. **Earn a minimum grade of “C-” or better in all courses** (a course that receives a grade below a ‘C-’ may be retaken [although the grade will remain on the transcript], and the new grade—if it is a ‘C-’ or better—may replace the earlier grade, allowing the student to meet this requirement).

THS believes that students who graduate with honors must also have exhibited honorable behavior while at school; therefore, the following stipulations also apply:

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: While we recognize that academic dishonesty is anathema in an educational environment, we also understand that students make mistakes and we want them to learn from their errors, therefore one violation of academic dishonesty will

not disqualify a student from receiving Latin Honors, but a second instance of academic dishonesty will.

BEHAVIOR: As stated above, we want students to grow from their missteps, so one out-of-school suspension will not disqualify a student from receiving Latin Honors, but a second out of school offence will.

Other follow up:

- Valedictorian/Salutatorian will be eliminated with the **Class of 2022**.
- Revised requirements to be implemented for **Class of 2022**.
- Program is explained to each student and parents in 4 year planning session with guidance counselor. How grades are weighted, AP options, Latin Honors requirements, etc will be covered.
- Workshop is presented to THS students each fall and spring covering Academic Dishonesty (details to be determined by TMHS staff).
- TMS & THS will research implementation of a National Honor Society.

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