Policy

CLASS RANK – LAUDE SYSTEM

The Laude system replaces class rank at Hortonville High School, beginning with the Class of 2024. The Laude system will be used at Hortonville High School as our recognition of graduates for both high academic standing and rigorous course selections. Class GPA shall be maintained starting with the first semester of ninth grade and continuing through first semester of 12th grade. Only full-time students shall qualify for Laude status. Final grades earned in classes shall be used to calculate grade point average (GPA) for Laude calculation and recognition. Only courses completed during a student's high school career will be used for official calculations; high school courses completed at the middle school level, will not be included. Students with a 3.4 or better, (no rounding), cumulative GPA at the end of seven (7) semesters are eligible for Laude recognition. Students with qualifying cumulative GPA will earn one (1) Laude point for each half (.50) credit course, completed successfully. Official Laude calculation will be completed after final semester are earned.

The Laude system at Hortonville High School will consist of three levels of recognition for academic grades earned and rigorous courses selected. From most rigorous decreasing the levels are, Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude. Class rank will be determined by the Laude calculation when needed for external purposes. Ex: scholarship requests.

Tie-breaking procedures use the following criteria for purposes of scholarship requirements, in order:
- If a tie ~~still~~ exists, highest Laude score at the end of seven (7) semesters.
- If a tie still exists, the student(s) with the highest composite ACT score available as of the beginning date of the semester will be the nominee(s).
- If a tie still exists, the greatest number of Advanced Placement classes taken and passed will be used to determine the nominee(s).
- If a tie still exists, the two students with the greatest number of credits earned through seven semesters will be the nominee(s).
- If a tie still exists, tied students will be ranked according to the most school recognized sports, clubs or organizations they actively participated in through seven semesters of high school (a unit of participation means involvement for a complete season of an activity).
- If a tie still exists, the Board of Education President or his/her designee draws a name(s).

Laude calculations and eligible courses are subject to change due to postsecondary articulation agreements, changes in staff, and other factors. The list will be updated and described annually in the Hortonville High School Academic and Career Planning Guide.

Laude Recognition Ranges

Number of Advanced courses, AP courses, Advanced Standing courses and/or Dual (Transcripted) credit courses.

	4	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.4
50	200	195	190	185	180	175	170
49	196	191	186	181	176	172	167
48	192	187	182	178	173	168	163
47	188	183	179	174	169	165	160
46	184	179	175	170	166	161	156
45	180	176	171	167	162	158	153
44	176	172	167	163	158	154	150
43	172	168	163	159	155	151	146
42	168	164	160	155	151	147	143
41	164	160	156	152	148	144	139
40	160	156	152	148	144	140	136
39	156	152	148	144	140	137	133
38	152	148	144	141	137	133	129
37	148	144	141	137	133	130	126
36	144	140	137	133	130	126	122
35	140	137	133	130	126	123	119
34	136	133	129	126	122	119	116
33	132	129	125	122	119	116	112
32	128	125	122	118	115	112	109
31	124	121	118	115	112	109	105
30	120	117	114	111	108	105	102
29	116	113	110	107	104	102	98.6
28	112	109	106	104	101	98	95.2
27	108	105	103	99.9	97.2	94.5	91.8
26	104	101	98.8	96.2	93.6	91	88.4
25	100	97.5	95	92.5	90	87.5	85
24	96	93.6	91.2	88.8	86.4	84	81.6
23	92	89.7	87.4	85.1	82.8	80.5	78.2
22	88	85.8	83.6	81.4	79.2	77	
21	84	81.9	79.8	77.7			
20	80	78					

The ranges for each award as follows

Cum Laude   77 to 125.9
Magna Cum Laude   126 to 150.9
Summa Cum Laude
Greater than 151

Examples:
(3.4 x 26 = 88.4/Cum Laude)
(3.7 x 35 = 129.5/ Magna Cum Laude)
(3.8 x 44 = 167.2 / Summa Cum Laude)