

Monroe County Board of Education

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1 **WEIGHTED COURSES**

2 All courses designated as Honors and/or Dual Enrollment and/or Local and Statewide Dual Credit will
3 use the weighted scale. Eligibility requirements for Honors and/or Dual Credit enrollment are a
4 cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale), no semester grade of less than a “B” in
5 the subject to be taken, an ACT Assessment composite score of 19 or higher, the appropriate score range
6 for the college board ACUUPACER, and/or teacher recommendation. Students must meet any three
7 of the four prerequisites captioned above. Students must sit for the statewide dual credit exam and/or
8 local dual credit exam to be eligible for additional percentage point weighting in these courses.

9 **ACADEMIC RANKING AND LAUDE RECOGNITION**

10 Academic ranking and laude recognition of graduating seniors from Monroe County High Schools shall
11 be determined by the following:

- 12 1. For purposes of communicating with college admissions offices and scholarships granting
13 agencies, grade point averages (GPAs) will be calculated.
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- 15 2. Laude recognition of graduating seniors will be determined by quality points based on the
16 averaged grades for those courses in which credit is given. No non-credit class(s) or non-GPA
17 classes will be used in determining grade point average. Grades through the third (3rd) nine weeks
18 of the second semester of the senior year will be used for ranking through the class of 2018.
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- 20 3. All grade point averages shall be figured to the nearest 10th of a point.
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- 22 4. The weighted GPA will be calculated on all course work using the Monroe County Grading
23 Scale. GPAs will also be calculated using the Tennessee Uniform Grading Scale for Lottery /
24 Hope Scholarship purposes. Both the Monroe County Weighted GPA and the Tennessee
25 Uniform GPA points will appear on the transcript.
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- 27 5. Monroe County Schools will not rank students numerically. This policy will be in place for the
28 class of 2019. Effective immediately for the class of 2019, Monroe County Schools will
29 recognize the Laude system.
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- 31 6. For the purposes of honors recognition Monroe County Schools will use the following Latin
32 System:
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34 3.9 – 4.0: Summa Cum Laude (With Highest Honor)

1 3.7 – 3.8: Magna Cum Laude (With Great Honor)

2 3.5 – 3.6: Cum Laude (With Honor)

3 Effective immediately for the class of 2020, Monroe County Schools will use the Ready Graduate
4 Indicator for purposes of determining eligibility for the Laude System. Students meeting the
5 requirements must also meet the GPA requirements set forth by the Laude system.

6 **THE READY GRADUATE INDICATOR:**

- 7 • Score a 21 or higher on the ACT: OR
8 • Complete four early postsecondary opportunities (EPSOs); OR
9 • Complete two EPSOs + earn an industry certification (on a CTE pathway leading to a credential);
10 OR
11 • Complete two EPSOs + score a designated score (TBD) on the Armed Services Vocational
12 Aptitude Batters (ASVAB) Armed Forces Qualifying Test (AFQT)

13 **BETA CLUB ELIGIBILITY**

- 14 1. Students must have a ninety (90) cumulative average (without rounding) or higher to apply for
15 Beta Club membership.
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17 2. Student must not have received out-of-school suspension or have been assigned to the alternative
18 school within the last two (2) semesters at time of application.
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20 3. No faculty or student screening process shall be used to determine Beta Club membership.
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22 4. Qualifying students may apply for membership at the beginning of the freshman year.

Cross References

SBP 4.6031 Weighted Courses