CLASS STANDING

Class standing at Madawaska High School is the rank ordering of the standing of the students in the class. A student's standing in his or her class is determined by multiplying the student’s cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) by ten and then adding the number of credits earned.

\[ \text{Class standing} = (\text{GPA} \times 10) + \text{credits earned} \]

All courses listed in the Madawaska High School Program of Studies (MHS POS) shall be counted toward GPA and class standing (courses not listed in the MHS POS will not be counted toward GPA and class standing). All courses (unless otherwise indicated in the MHS POS) will carry a value of one credit. Official senior class standing will be determined after final exams. In order to qualify for Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Honor Essayist, a student must be enrolled as a full time student at Madawaska High School for the full eight quarters immediately preceding graduation. The class standing of students transferring from another accredited high school will be calculated by applying the above formula to their transcripts.

The top ten (10) students in the senior class will be notified of their current standing the Friday prior to Final Exams. The top five (5) will be asked to prepare preliminary speeches for graduation and will be made aware that upon completion of final exams, a finalized identification of class standing will occur.

The building principal and the guidance counselor shall, independently of each other, manually ascertain class standing (top ten positions) in order to validate the class standing results as calculated by PowerSchool (or other student information system employed at that time). The finalized class standings will be shared with the students as early as administratively possible before graduation ceremonies.

The students ranked as Valedictorian (1), Salutatorian (2), and Honor Essayist (3) will be acknowledged at graduation ceremonies, be required to present a speech at graduation, and will be recognized by having their names engraved on a plaque honoring Madawaska High School Valedictorians, Salutatorians, and Honor Essayists. This plaque will be on permanent display at the high school.

The top ten (10) students will be recognized with Honor Cords as well as the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Honor Essayist recognized with the appropriate sashes indicative of their station.

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