

# Senior Scholars/CAP Scores

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The Crusader Academic Performance Score is derived from a formula that emphasizes a challenging curriculum and academic excellence by combining GPA, SAT test scores, and enrollment in Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. The class Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Top Ten, and other high performing seniors are determined by these scores. The points accrued by the formula shown below are used in those determinations.

FORMULAS:	WEIGHTS:
$GPA \div 4 \times 500$	GPA = 50%
$Honors \div 34 \times 350$	Advanced Courses = 35%
$SAT \div 1600 \times 150$	SAT = 15%

**Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be determined by CAP scores and will be the two students with the highest point-based standing.** These two students will deliver the senior speeches at Baccalaureate as they have earned this privilege by demonstrating academic excellence in terms of class performance, test scores, and a challenging curriculum.

### SAT Scores:

The SAT score that will be used in the formula will be the highest score that is reported to the Counseling Office beginning with the Spring assessment taken Junior year. It is the obligation of the student to provide any additional SAT scores to the Counseling Office by April 1 of their senior year.

### Advanced Courses:

*\*Honors = 2 points per class*

*\*Advanced Placement = 3 points per class*

Students must complete the entire year of the course in order to receive Honors and Advanced Placement Points. Dual enrollment courses are not awarded Honors points due to the challenge of identifying curriculum standards and expectations at external educational institutions.

**Courses being awarded Honors and Advanced Placement Points are subject to change in order to accommodate changes in curriculum or course offerings.**

Academic cords are presented to students with the following CAP scores:

**Gold Cord**      Top Ten Students

**Green Cord**    Top Twenty Students

**White Cord**    Top Thirty Students

Senior awards are based on eight semesters of study. Honor, scholarship, service, activities, and appreciation awards are presented at the Baccalaureate Honors Convocation in the spring.