

SENIOR SCHOLARS / CAP Scores

The Crusader Academic Performance (CAP) Score is derived from a formula that emphasizes a challenging curriculum and academic excellence by combining GPA, SAT test scores, and completion of 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: |
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| Cumulative GPA ÷ 4 x 500 | Cumulative GPA = 50% |
| Honors/Advanced Courses ÷ 40 x 350 | Honors/Advanced Courses = 35% |
| SAT ÷ 1600 x 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:

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| <i>Honors = 2 points per class</i> | <i>12th Grade Religion (B or better) = 2 points</i> |
| <i>Advanced Placement (AP) = 3 points per class</i> | <i>PDM (B or better) = 2 points</i> |
| <i>Level 3 of Foreign Language = 2 points</i> | <i>Anatomy A&B (B or better) = 2 points</i> |
| <i>Level 4 of Foreign Language = 2 points</i> | <i>Physics (B or better) = 2 points</i> |
| <i>Dual Enrollment Courses = 3 points per class</i> | |

NOTE: Students must have achieved 4 science credits before receiving points for Physics or Anatomy. If student is not on the Science Honors track, they must take both Anatomy A & B before receiving points.

Students must complete the entire course in order to receive Honors/ Advanced Points. Courses being awarded Honors and Advanced Points are subject to change in order to accommodate changes in curriculum or course offerings.

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

- Gold Cord** Top Ten % of Students
- Green Cord** Top Twenty % of Students
- White Cord** Top Thirty % of Students

Honor, scholarship, service, activities, and appreciation awards are presented at the Baccalaureate Honors Convocation in the spring.