STUDENT RANKING RANKING OF STUDENTS, VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN, COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPATION/SENIOR ACTIVITIES, WEIGHTING OF GRADES

Student Ranking - Ranking of Students

Rank-in-class is an indication of the student’s academic standing in relation to that of the other students in the class. Grades in the identified course levels shall be weighted and grade point averages determined. To be considered for the Top Ten, students must meet the requirement for the Satsuma Board Honors Diploma. The procedures for ranking students are as follows:

1. Tentative rank will be made at the end of the tenth and eleventh grade and final rank at the end of the second term of the senior year.
2. The top 10 students will be advised of their ranking at the end of each year in grades 10 and 11.
3. The top 10 positions may be filled by more than 10 students in the case of ties for any positions.
4. Letter grades (A, B, C, D, F, and NC [not clear = F]) for all subjects will be used in computing the grade point average.
5. All students within a grade level shall be included in determining class rank.
6. All high school level courses attempted prior to grade 9 will not be used when calculating high school grade point average (GPA) and/or class rank. Only courses attempted in the high school program (Grades 9-12) will be used to calculate grade point average and/or class rank. (Beginning with Freshman 2016-2017.)
6. To be considered for top ten, students must have attended Satsuma High School for their entire 11th and 12th grade years.
7. Beginning with the freshman class of 2017-2018, only courses attempted in the high school program will be used to calculate grade point average and class rank. All high school level courses attempted prior to grade 9, will award credit but will not be calculated toward GPA for top ten. Transcripts for college work will reflect the GPA that includes credit for those courses attempted before high school.

Note: credits for AP courses not offered at Satsuma High School do not receive weighted credit upon transfer.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian Selection

To be considered for Valedictorian or Salutatorian, the student must receive the Satsuma Board Honors Diploma. The student with the highest grade point average will be named the Valedictorian of the graduating class. The student with the second highest grade point average will be named the Salutatorian. In the case of a tie in either
position, students will be declared Co-Valedictorians/Co-Salutatorians. The grade point average will be carried to five decimal places with no rounding. The criteria for selecting Valedictorian and Salutatorian are as follows:

1. Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be determined at the end of the second term of the senior year by using the approved “Rank-In-Class” system.
2. Out-of-system transfer students must be enrolled in the current school starting with the first term of the junior year and complete four (4) consecutive terms in this system prior to ranking to be considered for Valedictorian and Salutatorian.
3. All students must take a full schedule (maximum course load) each year for 4 years in order to be eligible.

Commencement Participation/Senior Activities

Only regular education students who receive an approved diploma and special education students who receive a diploma or a graduation certificate as prescribed in their IEP shall participate in the graduation exercise. All students eligible for graduation may be denied participation in the graduation exercise in accordance with Satsuma Board of Education Policy 5.31.6.

Weighting of Grades: Quality Points

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Pre-AP (Pre-Advanced Placement Courses) AP (Advanced Placement Courses)

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