

FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS		Reg. No. 400-27
Subject:	GRADUATION HONORS AND AWARDS	Date of Issue: 8/30/92
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I. Policy 433

II. Procedures

A. Designations

1. High schools will recognize exemplary academic achievement using the designations of honors, high honors and highest honors, as described below.
2. Students who have completed the necessary Maryland Business Roundtable for Education requirements will receive a Maryland Scholar designation.

B. Honors, High Honors, and Highest Honors

1. Qualifying students will be honored according to the designations of Honors, High Honors and Highest Honors, determined as follows:

Highest Honors 4.0 or greater on a weighted scale
 High Honors 3.75 – 3.99 on a weighted scale
 Honors 3.5 – 3.74 on a weighted scale

2. Recognition will be based on final grades earned for high school courses taken for credit in middle school (Reg. No. 500-10) and in the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades.
3. Final grades for each high school course completed for credit in middle school (Reg. No. 500-10) and in the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades will be computed as outlined in the grading regulation (Reg. No. 500-5).
4. Only those high school courses that qualify for credit will be used to meet the award requirements.
5. Cumulative grade point averages will be calculated according to the weighted system utilized by Frederick County Public Schools (e.g. Honors, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and other courses as designated in Reg. No. 400-13).
6. High schools will notify all senior students about the procedures for the graduation recognition at the beginning of the school year.
7. Students who meet the requirements for early graduation are eligible for this honor.

C. Maryland Scholars

1. Students who have completed the necessary Maryland Business Roundtable for Education requirements will receive a Maryland Scholar designation.
2. Each high school will verify that a student has met the established guidelines based on courses completed and final grades beginning with high school-level courses taken for credit in middle school (Reg. No. 500-10) and in 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.

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