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For the Class of 2022 and Beyond

Grading Policy

Each teacher at Tonasket High School (THS) sets his/her own course grading standards.

A. Four Point Grade System. The THS grade point system is as follows:

A	4.000	B-	2.700	D+	1.300
A-	3.700	C+	2.300	D	1.000
B+	3.300	C	2.000	F	0.000
B	3.000	C-	1.700		

Grades are determined by class work, written work, tests, quizzes, projects, performance and other activities assigned by the teacher. Other grades given at THS school are:

P – Pass NC - No Credit W – Withdrawn F - Fail

- B. Pass/Fail Grading. A pass/fail grade shall only be used if a teacher believes that the student is working to his/her potential but falls short of the expected standard. Pass/fail grading may also be used in classes where specific instruction does not take place, i.e. for Associated Student Body (ASB), Advisory, or Teacher's Aide (TA). Otherwise, all classes shall be taken for letter grades. Students shall not have the option of taking graded classes pass/fail.
- C. Independent Study Courses within the THS curriculum: When a class does not fit into a student's schedule, the student may request to take the class through independent study from a THS teacher. The criteria for eligibility will include but may not be limited to: subject of the course, grade level of the student, and permission of the teacher. Independent study courses shall be taken for letter grades. AP credits will be given for independent AP study courses.
- D. Independent Study Courses outside the THS curriculum: A student may request to take a class through independent study outside the THS curriculum. The criteria for eligibility will include but may not be limited to: subject of the course, grade level of the student, and permission of the school. Independent studies courses that are designated AP will receive AP credit. However, honors independent studies courses will not receive weighted credit.
- E. Honor/Merit Roll. For a student to be named to the honor roll for any semester, he/she must be enrolled in no less than three courses in which letter grades are given and must maintain a 3.500 to 4.000 unweighted GPA. For the merit roll, a student must be enrolled in no less than three courses in which letter grades are given and must maintain a 3.000 to 3.490 unweighted GPA.

F. Class rank and official transcripts will reflect the above 4.0 grading policy.

Selection of Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The title of valedictorian will be awarded to the graduating senior who achieves the highest weighted cumulative grade point average (CGPA) following the criteria listed below. The title of salutatorian will be awarded to the graduating senior who achieves the second highest CGPA following the criteria listed below. In the case of a tie, more than one valedictorian may be named. The student with the next highest weighted CGPA will be the salutatorian. In the case of a tie, more than one salutatorian may be named. Class rank does not determine the valedictorian or salutatorian at Tonasket High School.

A. All general courses classes a student has taken for letter grades will be averaged using the four-point scale. All AP/Honors courses will be graded using a weighted scale.

Honors Classes

Classes designated as Honors are designed to offer curriculum more academically challenging and at a quicker pace than a regular class. The goal of the weighted GPA is to encourage enrollment in these courses. A committee of HS teachers will recommend the classes to receive the Honors designation, and upon principal approval, will go to the school board annually for adoption.

	General Course	Honors Courses	AP Course
A	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	3.70	4.20	4.70
B+	3.30	3.80	4.30
B	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	2.70	3.20	3.70
C+	2.30	2.80	3.30
C	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	1.70	2.20	2.70
D+	1.30	1.80	2.30
D	1.00	1.50	2.00
F	0.00	0.50	1.00

2. Weighted GPA will be calculated using grades earned in AP/Honors classes equivalent to the number of AP/Honors classes offered by Tonasket High School during the graduating year. If a student has AP/Honors courses in excess of the number of AP/Honors classes offered by Tonasket High School, AP courses will be given priority to determine weighted GPA.
 - A. All AP/Honors classes must be taken at Tonasket High School with one exception. An Advanced Placement (AP) class from another institution would be counted as an AP course. Classes taken through Running Start may not count as AP/Honors courses.
 - B. Final determination for valedictorian and salutatorian will be made at the end of the third quarter of the senior year and will include the third quarter grades. In doing the calculations at the end of the third quarter, the amount of credit used in the calculation will be the amount of credit that would be issued when the class is completed.
 - C. Grade point averages will be taken to the thousandths place.
 - D. To be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian, a student must be enrolled full time in the THS system their entire senior year and must have been enrolled at least two prior semesters in the THS system.
 - E. Candidates cannot take any graded class pass/fail.

Selection of Honor Cord Recipients

Recipients of honor cords are those graduating with an unweighted CGPA of 3.300 or higher. Final determination will be made at the end of the third quarter.

Honor Cord Honors: (These will be distinguished by different colored cords for each honor)

Cum Laude - 3.5 to 3.7

Magna Cum Laude - 3.8 to 3.9

Summa Cum Laude - 4.0

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