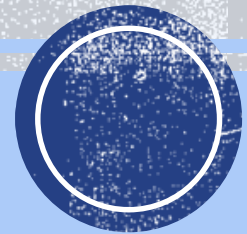


# GRADUATING WITH HONORS

Advanced Placement vs Dual Credit Courses

Latin Honors System



# ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

- Potential to earn college credit
- Student determines whether or not to register for the AP exam in Jan/Feb
- Nationally determined testing dates are in May
- Exams are scored 1-5
- Individual colleges determine what score they require to grant a student credit



# ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) (CONTINUED)

- Pros
  - Excellent college prep
  - Less expensive than dual credit courses
  - Not tied to a student's college transcript
  - AP Exam scores currently not tied to a student's high school course grade
- Cons
  - College credit is determined solely upon the student's performance on a single exam



# DUAL CREDIT (DC)

- Student receives both high school credit and college credit for the course
- SJSD currently uses Missouri Western State University for dual credit coursework
- Students enroll and pay at the beginning of the term
- Credits generally transfer easily, though the final decision is made by the accepting college



# DUAL CREDIT (DC) (CONTINUED)

- Pros
  - Guaranteed college credit
  - MWSU gives a discounted rate compared to the same courses taught on their campus
  - Students are able to access MWSU resources such as the library and their tutoring labs
- Cons
  - Poor academic performance impacts both a student's high school and college transcript



# WEIGHTED GPA SCALE

## Grade Scale & Recognition Guidelines (Grades 9-12)

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Standard</i>	<i>Honors</i>	<i>*AP, DC</i>
A	94-100%	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	93-90%	3.75	4.25	4.75
B+	87-89%	3.25	3.75	4.25
B	83-86%	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80-82%	2.75	3.25	3.75
C+	77-79%	2.25	2.75	3.25
C	73-76%	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70-72%	1.75	2.25	2.75
D+	67-69%	1.25	1.25	1.25
D	63-66%	1.00	1.00	1.00
D-	60-62%	0.75	0.75	0.75
F	0-59%	0.00	0.00	0.00



# LATIN HONORS SYSTEM

## Cum Laude Honors System (Grades 9-12)

The honors system below will be implemented in addition to current practices with the classes of 2018, 2019, 2020 with a valedictorian, salutatorian, and recognition of the top ten grade point averages. Full implementation of this system will occur with the class of 2021. A valedictorian, salutatorian and top ten grade point averages will not be named after the class of 2020.

### Summa Cum Laude

- 4.2 or higher GPA
- ACT of 28 or higher or AFQT of 93 or higher or Platinum WorkKeys certificate
- 95% attendance
- 5 AP/DC credits or Missouri CTE certificate
- 4 extra/co-curricular activities

### Magna Cum Laude

- 4.0-4.19 GPA
- ACT between 26-27 or AFQT between 80-92 or Gold WorkKeys certificate
- 95% attendance
- 4 AP/DC credits or Missouri CTE Certificate
- 3 extra/co-curricular activities

### Cum Laude

- 3.7-3.99 GPA
- ACT between 22-25 or AFQT between 70-79 or Silver WorkKeys certificate
- 95% attendance
- 3 AP/DC credits or Missouri CTE Certificate
- 2 extra/co-curricular activities



# WHAT THIS MEANS FOR OUR STUDENTS:

- The updated GPA scale now distinguishes between honors level coursework and college level coursework and thus rewards students taking on the additional challenges accordingly
- We are committed to allowing students to select courses they feel will interest them and be of benefit to their post-secondary plans instead of selecting courses purely based upon what will reward them with the highest GPA points
- The Latin Honors system allows any student to earn recognition instead of limiting it to only the top ten places or top 5% or 10%
- The Latin Honors system also seeks to recognize high achieving students who plan to enter the workforce or the military

