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## LAUDE SYSTEM

Starting with the graduating class of 2019, Evansville High School (EHS) will recognize graduating seniors through the Laude System. The Laude System acknowledges student achievement through a combination of student cumulative grade point average and the number of honor class points completed in their high school career. The cumulative grade point average and honor points mathematically create an overall Laude Score. Possible laude distinctions include Cum Laude (meaning “with honors”), Magna Cum Laude (“with great honor”), or Summa Cum Laude (“with highest honor”).

Minimum qualifications for Cum Laude recognition at graduation are a 3.4 cumulative grade point average and a Laude score of 17 as calculated at the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> semester. Cum Laude (white honors cord) designation requires a Laude score of 17 – 31.99; Magna Cum Laude (silver honors cord) 32 – 49.99; Summa Cum Laude (gold honors cord) 50 and more. Students receive honor points for each AP course completed and for each Departmental Honors Course completed with a minimum grade of ‘C’.

Transfer students will receive honors points toward the Laude System for Advanced Placement courses completed with a minimum grade of ‘C’. Transfer students may request that equivalent honors courses they completed at other districts be evaluated by the principal for Laude point eligibility and award. Any disagreements are subject to the standard appeal process through the chain of command up to the Board of Education.

Administration will review Laude – eligible courses annually and revise as necessary. Changes will go into effect the academic year immediately following the change. An up-to-date list of Laude – eligible courses will be posted on the EHS website and in the student handbook.

Local Ref.: Policy #345.51 - Academic Awards.  
Evansville High School Student/Parent Handbook