

GRADUATE WITH HONORS

The Graduate with Honors designation is awarded to students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher. There are no specific course requirements; therefore, this award is available to students who have pursued a program reflecting personal interests and/or talents. This award is based solely on cumulative GPA.

SCHOLAR HONOR CORD PROGRAM

The Scholar Honor Cord is awarded to students graduating with a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or higher. There are no specific course requirements; therefore, this award is available to students who have pursued a program reflecting personal interests and/or talents. This award is based solely on cumulative GPA.

ACADEMIC LETTER AWARD

The Academic Letter Award is given to students whose cumulative GPA is 3.4 or better by the end of the first semester. A CK torch is awarded the first year of achievement followed by a torch each year thereafter. A recognition breakfast is held after the end of the first semester to recognize the diligence and dedication of these students who are maintaining educational excellence.

NOTE: *The Graduate with Honors, Scholar Honor Cord, and Academic Letter Award are all Central Kitsap High School programs. Students who wish to be considered for these programs must be enrolled in at least four (4) classes at their school of record to receive honors and academic letter recognition.*

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

In May/June of each year, this program honors many members of the senior class. The purpose of this event is to award scholarships and to recognize the academic achievements, outstanding citizenship, and service to the school by our seniors.

Honor students from Central Kitsap High School have gone on to attend the following elite national universities:

- *Barnard College*
- *Boston University*
- *Brown University*
- *California Polytechnic State University*
- *Carleton College*
- *Carnegie Mellon*
- *Claremont McKenna College*
- *Columbia University*
- *Duke University*
- *Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University*
- *Emory University*
- *Harvard University*
- *Harvey Mudd College*
- *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
- *New York University*
- *Northwestern University*
- *Princeton University*
- *Purdue University*
- *Rice University*
- *Santa Clara University*
- *Scripps College*
- *St. Olaf College*
- *Stanford University*
- *Tufts University*
- *Tuskegee University*
- *University of California - Berkeley*
- *University of California - Los Angeles*
- *University of Chicago*
- *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
- *University of Notre Dame*
- *University of Washington*
- *US Military Academy West Point*
- *US Naval Academy*
- *Virginia Tech*
- *Wesleyan University*
- *Yale University*

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HONORS PROGRAMS



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DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The Distinguished Scholar program seeks to create an intellectual environment in which highly capable students pursue a rigorous course of study and are recognized for their academic successes.

The purpose of the Distinguished Scholar program is to provide students with extrinsic and intrinsic motivations which will engender a love for scholarly pursuits and give those involved a satisfying, challenging course of study which will prepare them for a college curriculum and lifelong learning. A student who earns the Distinguished Scholar designation will have completed a prescribed course of study, as well as fulfilled the additional requirements as outlined below.

Academic Requirements

The Distinguished Scholar Program is a Central Kitsap High School Program. The decision to participate in this program is voluntary. Students who are enrolled in the Running Start Program or in an Early Entry Program and who wish to be considered for the CKHS Distinguished Scholar designation must take a minimum of twelve semester courses at CKHS, with the remaining six semester hours taken through Running Start or Early Entry. To count toward Distinguished Scholar, Running Start courses must be taken in the Core Academic Areas. Further, each Running Start or Early Entry course will count as a one-semester course for the Distinguished Scholar Program.

To qualify as a Distinguished Scholar at Graduation:

- The student must complete the required course of study. The Distinguished Scholar Appeal Board must approve any exceptions. Transfer students should request a transcript evaluation by the Program Director.
- The student must have a 3.4 cumulative grade point average at the end of the seventh semester and maintain this average through the eighth semester.
- The student may receive no more than four semester grades of "C."

- The student cannot receive a grade lower than "C" in any course, grades nine through twelve.
- The student must receive a letter grade in all Distinguished Scholar courses.
- The student must have six classes during grades nine through eleven and five or more classes in grade twelve or the equivalent if enrolled in Running Start or an early entry program.
- The student must attend the required meetings throughout the senior year.

*NOTE: Any student may request a variation from above requirements by making an appeal to the Distinguished Scholar Appeal Board. **Deadline to appeal is March 1, 2024.***

Additionally, it is the student's responsibility to apply for Distinguished Scholar status by the end of the first semester of the senior year.

Privileges and Honors

Only Distinguished Scholar Graduates are eligible for the following:

1. Participation in Distinguished Scholar activities and events.
2. Honor Medallions at graduation
3. Distinguished Scholar recognition on Commencement Program
4. Eligibility for Valedictorian/Salutatorian Selection

Valedictorian / Salutatorian Selection Process

CKHS teachers, counselors, and administrators select class Valedictorian(s) and Salutatorian(s) using a consensus decision-making model. Selection is based upon a thorough review of the following criteria: cumulative GPA, rigor, breadth, and depth of all coursework completed, and a demonstrated pursuit of scholarly learning. Though not a primary consideration, Advanced Placement and aptitude test scores may also be considered in reaching consensus.

COLLEGE PREPARATORY CLASSES

The student must take at least 18 semesters of the following courses:

- Advanced Choir
- Advanced String Orchestra
- Anatomy & Physiology
- AP Art History
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB & BC
- AP Capstone Research
- AP Capstone Seminar
- AP Chemistry
- AP Comparative Government & Politics
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP English Language & Composition
- AP Environmental Science
- AP French
- AP Government & Politics: US
- AP Human Geography
- AP Japanese
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics 2 (through 2022-2023)
- AP Physics C
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Statistics
- AP Studio Art- Drawing
- AP Studio Art- 2-D Design
- AP Studio Art- 3-D Design
- AP US History & Government
- AP World History
- CiHS Art Appreciation (Art 103)
- CiHS English 111 & 131
- CiHS French III
- CiHS Physics 111 & 112
- CiHS Physics 181, 182, & 183
- CiHS Pre-Calculus 153/154
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors Freshman English
- Honors Journalism
- Honors Sophomore English
- Journalism 3 (through 2022-2023)
- Medical Interventions
- Pre-Calculus (through 2022-2023)
- Wind Ensemble
- World Language-Fourth Year

NOTE: Students may use a course only once to satisfy course requirements.