

Black River Falls High School Laude System

The purpose of the Laude System is to reward students for the rigor of their academic program as well as their success in that program.

Award Levels & Distinction Points	There are three levels of awards Summa Cum Laude (With Highest Honor/Distinction) Score of 50 or greater Magna Cum Laude (With Great Honor/Distinction) Score ranging from 32 to 49.99 Cum Laude (With Honor/Distinction) Score ranging from 16 to 31.99 <i>There will be NO rounding of Laude Scores</i>
Initial Implementation	The Laude System was implemented beginning with the Class of 2022.
GPA Requirement	To be considered for Laude distinction, the student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher after Term 2 of senior year. Honor points can be accumulated through Term 3 of senior year.
Score Calculation	A student's Laude score is determined by multiplying: 1) The students cumulative GPA after Term 2 senior year (minimum of 3.2) by 2) The number of honor points earned
Example	GPA: 3.524 Courses: AP Biology (3), AP Calculus (3), AP English (3), Pre-Calculus (2), College Prep Writing (1), Medical Terminology (1), Microsoft Word Certificate (0.5), ACT score of 27 (0.5) = 14 Honor Points Calculation: $3.524 \times 14 = 49.336$ Magna Cum Laude

Calculate Your Laude Score

My Total Honor Points: _____ My Cumulative GPA: _____

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 \text{(Honor Points)} & & \text{(Cumulative GPA)} & & \text{(Your Laude Score)}
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Laude Distinctions:

- Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honor/Distinction) -- Laude Score of 50 or greater
- Magna Cum Laude (with Great Honor/Distinction -- Laude Score ranging from 32 to 49.999
- Cum Laude (with Honor/Distinction) -- Laude Score ranging from 16 to 31.999

Black River Falls High School Opportunities for Honor Points

POINT VALUE: 1.5 per term for each course completed and passed

Advanced Placement:

AP Biology
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Chemistry
 AP English: Literature and Composition
 AP Environmental Science
 AP Psychology
 AP Spanish: Language and Culture
 AP United States History
 AP World History: Modern

Higher Education Courses through:

Dual Enrollment Academy
 Early College Credit Program
 Start College Now

POINT VALUE: 1.0 per term for each course completed and passed

(Transcribed Courses – to earn points, students must meet the minimum percentage requirement as determined by the institution needed to award credits)

Designated Department Honor Courses:

Chemistry
 College Prep Writing
 First Nations Studies (Option 2)
 Ho-Chunk 3
 Music Composition
 Music Theory
 Philosophy
 Physics
 Pre-Calculus
 Spanish 4
 Writing 3: SRL/News

Transcribed Credit Courses:

Accounting 1
 Animal Science
 Auto Mechanics 2
 Business Law
 Construction
 Creative Foods: Food and Culture
 Electronics and Robotics
 Human Anatomy and Physiology
 Intro to Business
 Introductory Plant Science
 Math for Tech Trades
 Medical Terminology
 Metals 2
 Parenting and Infant/Toddler Development
 Parenting and Child Development
 Personal Finance
 Software Applications for Business
 Woodworking 1

POINT VALUE: 0.5 each

Distinguished Individual Accomplishments

25+ hours of Community Service per year
 ACT Score of 27 or higher
 Advanced Class

- With an approved plan that results in a final exhibit with a presentation

Industry Certifications & Licenses

- (see Course Descriptions for more details)

State Level Competition in WIAA Athletics
 Elected as State or National Officer (Career and Technical Student Organization)

1st Place Rating at:

- State FBLA competition
- State FCCLA competition
- State FFA competition
- State Forensics competition
- State SkillsUSA competition
- State Solo and Ensemble Festival

Band: Student Director
 SRL: Editor-in-Chief
 Falls History Project
 Selection for WSMA State Honors Ensemble Band or Choir