

Draft of Mine Incentive Award Determination

The Mine Incentive program is based on the first, second and third quarter grades of each individual year. Annually, the top ten students from each class will be given the Mine Incentive Award. Determination of the top ten students will be completed utilizing the following process:

1. Quarter grades from the current school year will be the primary determining factor. All students will be limited to a maximum of 7 classes for this calculation. Through the utilization of quarter grades for the current school year, all students become eligible regardless of grades from previous years. Students will be recognized as achieving top ten status and not delineated in terms of rank.
 - a. Students will be listed in sequential order first using total number of A's earned. If there are any ties those students make it to the next step.
 - b. Next, total number of B's earned will be used to break any ties. If there are any ties those students make it to the next step.
 - c. In case of a tie, the total number of Honors, AP and approved college classes* enrolled in during the current year will be used.
 - d. If there is still a tie, weighted G.P.A. for the first 3 quarters of the current year will be used.
 - e. If there is still a tie, last step will be finding the mean of the total class averages for each students quarterly grades for first, second and third quarter of the current year. Any quarter grades that exceed 100% will be dropped to a maximum of 100% for this calculation. In the event a tie still exists, actual percentages will be used.
2. The overall G.P.A. a senior has for the first seven semesters of their high school career will help determine the top senior award for the top two students in the senior class. This award is not connected to the top ten as it is a cumulative award for the entire high school experience and is not based on a one year analysis. This award is not to be confused with the class Valedictorian due to the fact calculations are based on 7 semesters and not the entire 8 semesters of high school. Depending on achievement and types of classes during the last semester, students who receive this award may not receive Valedictorian or Salutatorian status.
 - a. Seniors will be ranked first by the cumulative G.P.A of the first 7 semesters of high school. Beginning in the 2010-2011 year all approved college courses* will receive a weighted G.P.A. adjustment of 0.05; equivalent to that of AP courses.
 - b. In the event of a tie, the second criteria will be the total number of honors, AP or approved college courses* completed.