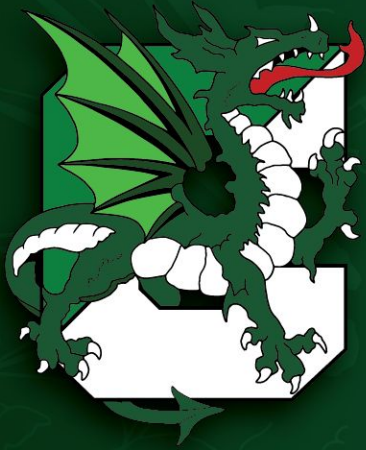


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Cornwall Central High School

Cornwall Central High School Class Rank Policy

Board of Education Meeting
February 8th, 2021

Joseph DeBold - Director of Guidance K-12

Agenda

- 1) Brief overview of where we have been and what steps we have taken
- 2) Rollout plan
- 3) Website
- 4) Questions

Timeline of Class Rank Conversation

- April of 2019 - First brought conversation regarding class rank and examining the policy to district office.
- Fall of 2019 - Started research and collected data from college admissions reps from the public and private realms, additionally held informal “pulse check” conversations with various stakeholders.
- March of 2020 - Collected data from CCHS teachers
- COVID
- May 2020 - Proposed re-examination of Class Rank policy to Board of Education with student representatives
- *October/November 2020* - Class Rank Committee formed and created our new policy

Committee Members

Terry Dade - Superintendent - Cornwall Central School District

Megan Argenio - Assistant Superintendent for Instruction - Cornwall Central School District

Louis Trombetta - Interim Principal - Cornwall Central High School

Joseph DeBold - Director of Guidance K-12 - Cornwall Central School District

Margaret Quinn - Board of Education Member - Cornwall Central School District

Barbara Parnes - Co-chairperson HS Student Services - Cornwall Central High School

Committee Members

John Hines - Mathematics Teacher/Cornwall HS Alum - Cornwall Central High School

Kelly Finn - English Teacher/Cornwall HS Alum/Junior Class Advisor - Cornwall Central High School

Jacques Ponsolle - Technology Teacher/Senior Class Advisor/SGO Advisor - Cornwall Central High School

Meghann Chyla - English Teacher/Senior Class Advisor/SGO Advisor - Cornwall Central High School

Michael Kramer - Parent of Current 10th, 8th and 4th grade Students - Cornwall Central School District

Rank -> Latin Honors

Transition From Class Rank to Latin Honors System

What is the Latin Honors System?

The Latin Honors System is a way to recognize academic honors in graduates based upon grade point average “tiers” in a way that allows students to achieve recognition on their own individual accord rather than a rank system where there are only a limited number of spots to be recognized.

Why use the Latin Honors System in place of class rank?

Our primary purpose in utilizing the Latin Honors System is to be able to recognize more students who work hard in achieving their academic goals. The Latin Honors System also decreases unnecessary competition between students, increases students intellectual and academic risks and creates an environment of support amongst students to increase their course rigor.

Latin Honors - Tiers

What are the tiers in the Latin Honors System?

While there is no true one system out there that exists, Cornwall Central High School has agreed upon the following tier levels to recognize their high performing students:

92 - 94.999	Cum Laude (With Honor)
95 - 97.999	Magna Cum Laude (With Great Honor)
98+	Summa Cum Laude (With Highest Honor)

Based upon weighted cumulative GPA

Rollout Plan

Class of 2021 (Current Senior Class)

Will students receive rank?

Yes, students have already received their rank last year as we have always given it to them in their Junior year for college planning purposes.

Will top ten students be recognized?

Yes, for the Class of 2021, this tradition will continue for them as they have received their rank.

Will tiers be recognized at graduation?

Yes, as a way to introduce this system and also as a way to recognize the numerous high performing students here at CCHS, we will be recognizing the 3 tiers.

Rollout Plan

Class of 2022 (Current Junior Class)

Will students receive rank?

No, normally students could have received their class rank in sophomore year if they wanted, but in anticipation of this change, we did not give out class rank to this class. We will not give out class rank to them this year (Junior year) as well.

Will top ten students be recognized?

No, instead recognition of Summa Cum Laude graduates will take the place of top ten at an awards ceremony.

Will tiers be recognized at graduation?

Yes, starting with this class and on, the Latin Honors System will be used to recognize our high performing students.

Website

A website has been created that walks stakeholders through the entire process of this journey and also answers a lot of the frequently asked questions they may have regarding this change. This site can be found on the Student Services page.

[Introduction of Latin Honors System and FAQ Website](#)

Questions?