



MCEC Graduation Honors

MCS Board Presentation

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NC Change in High School GPA Calculation

- Starting with the 2015-16 school year, the State of North Carolina converted all public high schools to a ten-point grading scale and GPA points are based on the letter grade range (Prior to 2015-16, North Carolina used a 7-point grading scale).
- Consequently, this will cause class ranking to be more clustered and a high number of students could potentially qualify for the Valedictorian/Salutatorian honor.



	New GPA Scale	Old GPA Scale			
Grade	10 Point Scale	7 Point Scale	GPA	Honors Weight	College/AP Weight
A	90-100	93-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
B	80-89	85-92	3.0	3.5	4.0
C	70-79	77-84	2.0	2.5	3.0
D	60-69	70-77	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	Below 60	69 and below	0	0	0

Review of GPA Data

- The SIT team reviewed current MCS graduation procedures and researched other county policies.
- MCEC calculated the highest possible weighted high school GPA for students in each the associate degree pathways.

	MCEC High School/MCC Associate Degree			
	Arts	Science	Industrial	Engineer
Max GPA Attainable at MCEC	4.750	4.741	4.647	4.742

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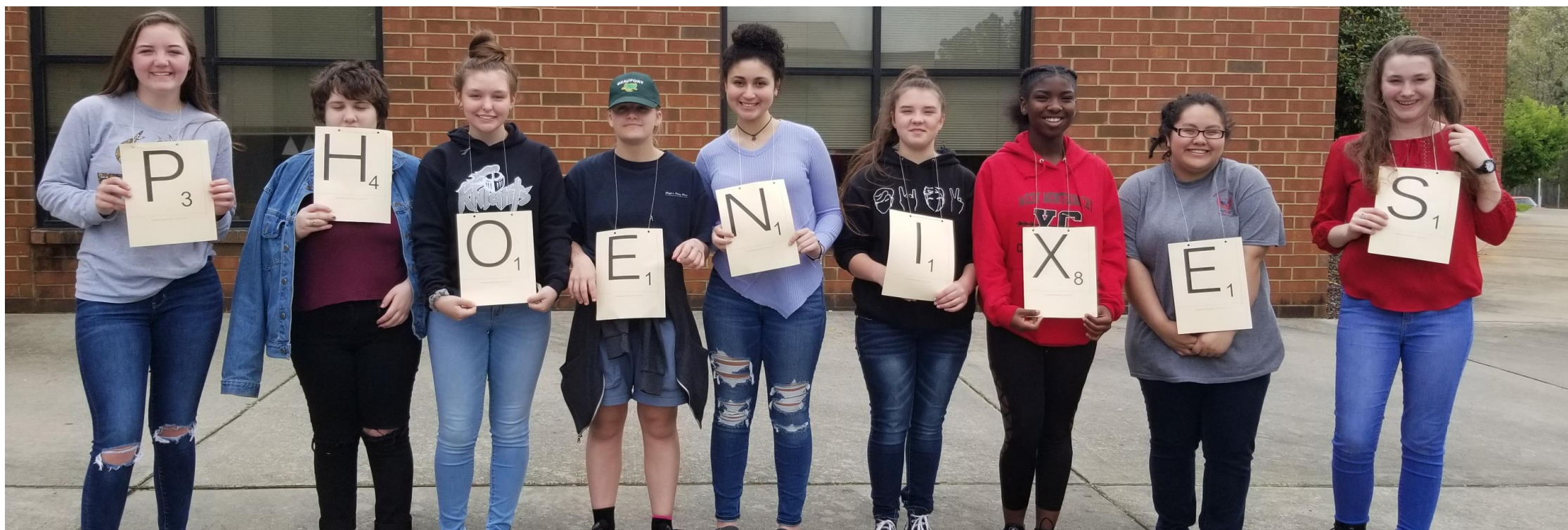
Based on the new standards for GPA calculation and the information researched, MCEC SIT recommends deviating from the traditional Valedictorian and Salutatorian and using the following Senior Graduation Recognitions:

Weighted GPA	Designation
4.6 or higher	Summa cum laude
4.4 – 4.59	Magna cum laude
4.2 – 4.39	Cum laude

MCEC Student Marshal Determination

To identify junior marshals for graduation exercises, a minimum of the top six students in the junior class will serve as marshals at graduation.

- Class rank at the end of the first semester of the junior year will determine which six juniors will serve as marshals at graduation exercises.
- GPA is not the exclusive indicator for this honorary position. If a student within the top ten in the class exemplifies poor citizenship, which includes OSS, as determined by the principal, that student can be denied the privilege of being a marshal.
- Class rank is calculated on a cumulative grade point average based on the weighted grading scale.



Questions?