

Graduation & Special Honors

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Graduation and Official Transcripts

Home schooled, foreign exchange, and transfer students who enroll at Hawley High School will be required to attain the same minimum number of credits required for all students in order to graduate. Currently, a student must complete twenty-five (25) credits in grades 9-12 as described in School Board policy. Foreign exchange students must pass seven credits including one each in math, English, and social studies to qualify for graduation. Must be a full time student for a full semester, unless it is due to a family relocation into our district, to earn a Hawley diploma.

For home schooled students, credits will be given for classes taken and passed at the home schools, but no letter grades (A-F) will be entered for these classes into the students' cumulative files and will not become part of the transcripts. For classes taken through on-line schools or other vendors, copies of syllabi and official grade notifications may be requested for verification purposes. Instead, a P will be used for classes passed and an NP for classes not passed while at a home school. Letter grades will be entered into the cumulative files and transcripts for transfer students from any public or private accredited secondary school with licensed teaching staff recognized by the State of Minnesota (or the state from which they transferred). Transcripts maintained for foreign exchange students will only reflect the coursework completed at Hawley High School.

Class Rank, MHS, and Graduation Honors

To qualify for class rank, a student must receive a full complement of grades (seven classes per semester) for a minimum of two consecutive semesters at Hawley High School beyond the last home schooling period or after a transfer. Classes offered outside of Hawley High School such as on-line college classes or various on-line high school classes may be included if approved by the principal. To qualify for Minnesota Honor Society, a student must receive a full complement of grades (seven classes) for one semester at Hawley High School beyond the last home schooling period.

To qualify as cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude, the student must receive a full complement of grades (seven per semester) for a minimum of three consecutive full semesters at Hawley High School beyond the last home schooling period or following a transfer. An exception would occur for students who transfer from a state accredited public or private school. In this instance, a student must receive a full complement of grades (seven per semester) for a minimum of two consecutive semesters at Hawley High School during the senior year. Foreign exchange students will not be considered for top 10 percent, cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude.

To qualify as an honor graduate, home schooled, transfer, and foreign exchange students must receive a full complement of grades (seven classes per semester) for both semesters of their

junior year at Hawley High School in conjunction with the PSEO program their senior year, or they must receive a full complement of grades for both semesters their senior year at Hawley High School.

Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)

Students who attend the Post Secondary Enrollment Options program must take all courses for grades (A-F) or they will not be eligible for top 10 percent honors or cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude.

Students who enroll from a home school or who transfer from a public or private high school and attend a post secondary program through PSEO will not be eligible for honor roll, National Honor Society, or graduation distinction of any kind if they have not attended classes for at least one year at Hawley High School between transfer time and the beginning of PSEO.