

Academic Changes – Class Rank and Honor Roll – September 2017

Last fall a committee of community members, teachers and administrators discussed the weighting of grades in courses of elevated rigor such as Honors, Advanced Placement and College Advancement Program (CAP) courses. After several meetings, presentations and discussions the committee consensus was to remain with the current practices of grading these courses.

Through these conversations, alternative topics arose regarding honor roll, class rank and top 10% rankings. These topics have become very relevant with the onset of multiple state and local scholarships based on these criteria. As a result of these meetings and input from colleges and universities the Peru Jr./Sr High School will be making the following changes effective immediately.

1. The calculation of grade point average (GPA) that determines the class rank will remain the same. The final grade in all courses taken will be added together to provide the total quality points earned. The total number of credits taken divided into the total quality points will determine the overall grade point average (GPA) of the student. The GPA will rank the students in descending order from highest to lowest
2. The frequency for calculating class rank based on student GPA will occur three times in the student's senior year. The initial calculation will be on October 1. This calculation will be for reporting six semesters for class rank and GPA. The second calculation will occur on February 1 after seven semesters. This calculation will finalize the Valedictorian, the Salutatorian, the Top 10% rank, and all students who have an overall average of 90% or better. This data is use for scholarship attainment and recognition. The final calculation will occur at the end of the senior year; this calculation is reported to colleges and is archived on the final transcript.

Calculation for Honor Roll status will parallel the calculation of GPA. Honor Roll will be determined by the frequency a course meets and the grade earned each quarter. Alternate day courses will have a multiplier of 0.5. Everyday courses will have a multiplier of 1.0 and CV-Tec courses will have a multiplier of 3.0.

Example:	PE	95 x 0.5 = 47.5 quality points
	ELA	88 x 1.0 = 88 quality points
	SS	84 x 1.0 = 84 quality points
	Cvtec	91 x 3.0 = 273 quality points

Average = 492.5 (QP) / 5.5 (Fq) = 89.54 - High Honor Roll Status

3. After seven semesters the seniors who have achieved an overall High Honor Roll status (89.5 GPA) or higher, they will receive an acknowledgment of their honor ranking on their diploma.

High Honor with Merit	89.5 – 92.9
High Honor with Distinction	93.0 – 95.9
High Honor with Excellence	96.0 – 100