

High School Honors

Advanced Placement (AP)

Through college-level AP courses, you enter a universe of knowledge that might otherwise remain unexplored in high school; through AP Exams, you have the opportunity to earn credit or advanced standing at most of the nation's colleges and universities.

Honors and Recognitions

A. Academic Recognition

Students will be honored throughout the year based on their GPA, class rank, ACT scores, attendance, school service club accomplishments, and Academic Letter awards.

B. Academic Letter

Letter awards are achievable in Academic, Vocational and Fine Arts areas. The right to purchase a letter and/or pin is determined at the time the criteria is achieved and with the permission of the department faculty. Academic Letter requirements are available in the Counseling Office.

C. Honors at Graduation

1. Gold Cord - Top 5% cumulative weighted GPA/ACT score
2. Silver Cord - Top 10% cumulative weighted GPA/ACT score
3. All students with a 3.95 or higher non-weighted GPA will be designated on the graduation program with an asterisk by their name.
4. National Honors Society members who have fulfilled the requirements of that national organization and the OHS chapter will wear the yellow bandoleer of NHS.

D. Graduation Speakers

The top students from both the weighted and non-weighted class rankings will be invited to tryout as graduation speakers.

You can earn the distinction of an **Academic Letter** in the area of your choice: Applied Technology, Art, Business, Dance, Drama, English, Cooperative Learning, Foreign Language, Family and Consumer Science, Math, Music, P.E., Science, Social Studies, or Service. Click on the link for requirements, eligibility, deadlines and the application process.

Sterling Scholar

The purpose of the Sterling Scholar Awards is to publicly recognize and encourage the pursuit of excellence in scholarship, leadership and citizenship of high school seniors in the state of Utah.

The Deseret Morning News and KSL Television developed the program especially to focus attention on

outstanding seniors in order to recognize them publicly as well as award cash scholarships and tuition waivers from participating institutions. The Sterling Scholar Awards program seeks to commend and encourage excellence among all students.

The **National Merit Scholarship Program** is a national competition awarding 4-year scholarships to the school of the winner's choice. Finalists are identified using students' scores on the **PSAT/NMSQT**, a test you may elect to take during your junior year. Click on the links to learn how (and when) you can register to take the test, and to learn more about the application process if you have been identified as a National Merit Scholar finalist.

<http://www.nationalmerit.org/>

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>