

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

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An academic letter will be awarded for attaining Honor Roll status for a total of ten quarters or four quarters in a row.

MARYLAND SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Maryland Scholars Program is designed to increase the percentage of students who complete rigorous coursework and are well prepared to succeed in college and the workplace. A major component of the Maryland Scholars Program is focusing eighth and ninth grade students on the importance of their course selections for high school and the pivotal role higher-level math and science courses play in future career opportunities. The program relies on business volunteers to deliver the message to students in their classrooms about the connection between achievement in school and success in life.

High school students will be identified as a Carroll County Public Schools Scholar upon successful completion of the Maryland Scholars approved course of study. Students must have a minimum 2.5 non-weighted G.P.A. to enroll in the program and maintain a minimum 3.5 non-weighted G.P.A. to qualify for an endorsement on the diploma at graduation.

Students must successfully complete the following course of study:

4 credits of English

3 credits of Math (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II)

3 credits of Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)

3 credits of Social Studies (Government, U.S. History, World History)

2 credits of the same Foreign Language

GRADUATES OF DISTINCTION

Graduates of Distinction are students who have achieved honor roll status twelve of the first fifteen times possible during their four years of high school, or the first eleven times in the case of a three-year enrollee. The final marking period of a graduate will not be considered. A seventh semester graduate will need to earn honor roll status eleven of the fourteen times possible.

HONOR ROLL

To achieve honor roll status, a student must be enrolled in a minimum of three class periods for credit. The honor roll will be calculated on quarter grades using either weighted or unweighted Grade Point Averages. An honor roll student may earn no grade below a "C." The honor roll will be published after each of the four marking periods and will contain the following four separate classifications:

Straight A's	A's for all courses for the marking period
Distinction	4.0 to 5.0 average
Honor	3.5 to 3.9 average
Merit	3.0 to 3.4 average

Academic Letter: is achieved when a student is on the Honor Roll four consecutive quarters or ten times non-consecutive.

Bumper Stickers: are earned when on the Honor Roll two times in one year.

Graduate of Distinction: is earned when a student is on the Honor Roll twelve of fifteen times over four years or eleven times over three years. The final marking period of a graduate is not considered.

Honor Rolls based on weighted GPA: Honor Roll-3.0 to 3.7499 GPA; Distinguished Honor Roll-3.75 to 5.0 GPA; and Straight "A" Honor Roll- All A's on report card (4.0 to 5.0 GPA).

Honors Breakfast: All students who received a semester one weighted GPA of 4.0 or higher were invited to attend the Honors Breakfast. This is a time to celebrate the academic accomplishments of our students.

Maryland Scholars Program: are students who complete rigorous coursework and are well prepared to succeed in college and the workplace. Students must have a minimum 2.5 non-weighted GPA and successfully completed Algebra II to enroll in the program.

Maryland Distinguished Scholar: Achievement Category - Sponsored by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, students may enter this state-wide program in their junior year. Eligible students must earn a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.7 and must submit either PSAT or SAT scores and an application. Students are then identified as *Honorable Mention* or they are selected to advance and compete for the Distinguished Scholar Award and associated scholarships. Financial need is NOT considered.

Maryland Distinguished Scholar Program: Talent in the Arts - Each high school may nominate up to five juniors in the area of visual art, instrumental music, vocal music, dance or drama. Selected students must appear in front of a panel of professional judges in early June between their junior and senior year.

The National Merit Scholarship Program: An academic competition for recognition and scholarships, students enter the National Merit Program by taking the PSAT in their *junior year*. Test results on the PSAT serve as an initial screening for this competition. Each state determines a minimum combined score that serves as the selection index for its student. Students who score above the selection index progress in the competition to become Semi-finalists, finalists or winners. Winners, selected from the pool of finalists, become eligible for one of several types of awards or scholarships. Financial need is NOT considered.

Perfect Attendance: students are awarded a certificate each year.

Senior Awards:

Senior Content Awards are given to those students who have excelled in content area classes. Students are nominated by the faculty based on several factors, including class achievement and engagement with the content. Students may be asked to complete an application by their content area upon nomination. Awards are bestowed at the Senior Farewell Assembly in June.

The Academy Award of Distinction is given to 2 seniors from each academy at graduation. Students receiving this award exemplify the spirit of what it means to be an academy student. They are nominated by the academy faculty for their performance in academy courses, for service to the academy, and for their work outside the classroom that demonstrates a connection between their academy and the real world. Students may be asked to complete an application by their academy upon nomination for this award. This is the highest award the school may bestow upon a student.

Valiant Knight Award: is presented monthly to two students, based on nominations from the faculty and staff who have exemplified specific character traits that are aligned with the CCPS Character Education Initiative.