

SELECTION OF HIGH SCHOOL STATE SPONSORED (HEAB) SCHOLARSHIP AND HONOR STUDENTS

The student having the highest GPA (grade point average) at the end of the seventh semester in high school will be selected to qualify as a scholarship recipient. The student must:

- a. Be enrolled as a full-time student through seven semesters.
- b. Attended Colby High School as a full-time student for four semesters (mid-point of sophomore year to mid-point of senior year).

In cases where there is a tie, based upon the highest cumulative G.P.A. at the end of the seventh semester, the following tiebreaker criteria will be used:

a. The highest American College Test ACT composite score will determine the recipient. The ACT score must be on file in the student services office by February 1st. The other student(s) tied with the highest G.P.A but not having the highest ACT composite score, will be designated runners up for consideration if for any reason the qualifier does not or cannot accept.

b. If two or more students remain tied with the highest ACT composite score, additional tiebreakers will be applied. The additional tiebreakers shall be, in order:

1. The student who has the greatest number of combined Advanced Placement (AP) and post-secondary level courses scheduled throughout the student's four years of high school. If the course(s) are scheduled during the eighth semester, the classes(s) may not be dropped (unless a withdraw/fail is applied) once the HEAB Award has been named.
2. The student who has the highest G.P.A. in Advanced Placement (AP) and post-secondary level courses.
3. The student who has the greatest number of dual credit technical college level courses scheduled throughout the student's four years of high school. If the course(s) are scheduled during the eighth semester, the classes(s) may not be dropped (unless a withdraw/fail is applied) once the HEAB Award has been named.
4. The student who has the greatest number of credits earned following the seventh semester.
5. In the event that a tie still exists after steps 1, 2, 3 and 4, a draw from a new deck of cards shall be used to determine the winner. The highest draw, with 2 being the lowest and ace being the highest shall be declared the winner. Consecutive draws may be conducted until a winner is declared. The student whose last name is first alphabetically, will draw first. The Superintendent shall supervise the draw of the cards. Parents/Guardians of the students tied for the "Academic Excellence in High Education" will be invited to attend the card draw.

HONOR STUDENTS

Colby High School will designate graduates with 3.6667 cumulative GPA as honor students.

G.P.A.

A G.P.A. is determined for full-time students by using their accumulated points from grades received (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0), and dividing the total points by the number of credits taken. Rank in the class then evolves as students graduation class is compared to one another in a descending rank. GPA is used only to designate honor students for graduation and the HEAB scholarship recipient. Visiting students who are part of foreign exchange program, although they may meet the GPA, are not included in class rank. Pluses and minus are used and calculated in G.P.A.

A weighted grading system is utilized. Any course that earns post-secondary credit will be designated as weighted. These are: any Advanced Placement (AP) course, any university or technical college course and any dual credit course. Students shall receive one additional grade point for these courses, specifically (A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, F=0). Courses will not be weighted if taken by correspondence, independent study, on-line or as a summer enrichment course, unless prior approval is granted by the department involved and the principal.

GRADUATION CEREMONY PARTICIPATION

Graduating seniors must have satisfactorily completed all obligations (fines, fees, assessments, assignments, tests, detentions, etc.) to be eligible to participate in the Commencement ceremony.

Students' participation in graduation exercises is optional. All graduating seniors are encouraged to participate in the commencement ceremony because it marks an important accomplishment in their lives. Since participation is optional, student that do participate are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner. The CHS administration will prepare and distribute regulations pertaining to commencement participation consistent with this policy.

To maintain the dignity and decorum of the graduation ceremony, only those students appropriately dressed for the occasion shall be permitted to participate. Students participating the graduation exercises must wear the cap and gown selected for the year. Students are required to pay a fee for the cap and gown. Since Commencement is a school-sponsored activity, all school rules of behavior apply. Anyone misbehaving during the exercises will be asked to leave.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Stats. 39.41

Wisconsin Administrative Code - PI 9.03(1), HEA 9