



Laude Graduation Requirement

The Kenosha eSchool will utilize a tiered laude option regarding achievement for graduating seniors. There will be no designation of a school valedictorian or salutatorian. This option is available to all full time eSchool (non-ITED) seniors and has two (2) main criteria. The level of recognition will be based on a combination of the overall Weighted GPA achieved after the third quarter, and no later than May 1st) of the student’s senior year (using the KUSD weighted 6.0 scale, policy 5610), and completion of a community service component. The community service requirement will begin no sooner than the summer prior to the senior year and must be completed one month prior to graduation. Community service hours will be verified through the eSchool Counselor, including a submission of a reflection summary. There is no minimum requirement to the number of credits attained from eSchool. This is to adopt a form of recognition that most colleges and universities use to acknowledge their most successful students at graduation, and to go beyond the limitations of the traditional valedictorian process.

The categories for the graduation recognition program are as follows:

- ***Summa Cum Laude*** - meaning “with the highest praise” is the highest recognition awarded at graduation. To graduate summa cum laude, a student must achieve a 5.51 or higher grade point average on a 6.00 scale.
- ***Magna Cum Laude*** – meaning “with great praise” is the second highest recognition awarded at graduation. To qualify for magna cum laude, a student must achieve a 5.00 – 5.50 grade point average on a 6.00 scale.
- ***Cum Laude*** – meaning “with praise” is the third recognition awarded at graduation. To qualify for cum laude, a student must achieve a 4.01 – 4.99 grade point average on a 6.00 scale.

Criteria

Achievement Level	Weighted GPA minimum	Community Service
Summa Cum Laude	5.51	40 hours
Magna Cum Laude	5.00	30 hours
Cum Laude	4.01	20 hours