

The School District of Neillsville evaluates student achievement in grades kindergarten through 12. The issuance of grades on a regular basis serves to:

1. Promote a process of continuous evaluation of student performance;
2. Report to parents/guardians the progress of their children;
3. Provide a basis for bringing about change in student performance if such change is deemed necessary.
4. Beginning with the graduating Class of 2020, the School District of Neillsville will recognize graduating seniors through the Laude System, which recognizes student achievement through a combination of a student's cumulative grade point average (CGPA) at the end of seven semesters and the number of honor points earned during their high school career.

The system rewards students for taking designated honor courses, which have been identified as meeting criteria for rigor and advanced learning. These courses are placed into categories of 1 honor point or .5 honor point. Students taking college or advanced placement (AP) courses will earn 1.5 points each. Students must successfully complete the course to earn the honor points.

Laude eligible courses are identified in the NHS Course Catalog. The Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Committee will review the Laude matrix and course designations every two years. If revisions are made to the matrix and/or associated board policies, the revisions would go into effect with the next incoming ninth grade class. Unique situations will be considered on an individual basis based on academic rigor. Students can file an Individual Review Request Form with the high school principal.

Utilizing both the CGPA and honor points, students are placed into one of the possible Laude distinctions: Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude:

50 & above	Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor)
32 - 49.99	Magna Cum Laude (with great honor)
16 - 31.99	Cum Laude (with honor)
15.99 & below	No Laude recognition

Transfer students will receive honor points toward the Laude System for AP courses successfully completed at their previous school. Due to the varying nature of how honor classes are designated in other schools, transfer students will not be granted honor points for any courses other than AP.

5. The school district shall not discriminate in the methods, practices and materials used for evaluating students on the basis of sex, race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statutes: 118.13

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