



# Latin Honors Recognition Policy

Guerin Catholic has invested time evaluating how we recognize our top students for their academic achievements upon graduation. Those efforts have been combined with a desire to be consistent across our Diocese in our recognition efforts. Our goals throughout these discussions were established as follows:

- 1) Develop a way of honoring students for meeting an academic standard and not for competing against their peers.
- 2) Give students the freedom and ability to take courses of their choosing without concern for whether a peer was taking more or different IB or honors courses with weighted grades.
- 3) Encourage students to take risks by enrolling in rigorous course offerings.
- 4) Move away from a system where anything less than an “A” in every class is seen as unworthy of recognition.
- 5) Maintain our commitment to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, and recognize students who meet the requirements to earn such a diploma.

In cooperation with our Diocesan sister high school, Lafayette Central Catholic, we are excited to share our new system that we believe meets these goals.

Starting with the class of 2021, Guerin Catholic will implement a Latin Honor System described below that celebrates student performance based on an academic standard. In order to be eligible for these honors, students must meet the following standards:

## Summa Cum Laude

To be eligible for Summa Cum Laude recognition, a student must have attained the following:

- Be an International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate
- Have an unweighted, cumulative GPA of 3.90 or above
- Be in good academic standing

## Magna Cum Laude

To be eligible for Magna Cum Laude recognition, a student must have attained the following:

- Be an International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate
- Have an unweighted, cumulative GPA of 3.75-3.89
- Be in good academic standing

## OR

- Earn an Indiana Core 40 Diploma or Core 40 with Academic Honors Diploma
- Have an unweighted, cumulative GPA of 3.75 or above.
- Pass three IB and/or Honors courses throughout their junior and senior years
- Be in good academic standing

The class of 2020 will be the final class at Guerin Catholic High School to honor a valedictorian and salutatorian. After the class of 2020, we will honor our students using the above system and choose commencement speakers through an application process. Below is the transition timeline to this new system.

**Class of 2019** (current Seniors) – Valedictorian and Salutatorian

**Class of 2020** (current Juniors) – Valedictorian and Salutatorian

**Class of 2021 and beyond** (current Sophomores) – Latin Honors