

**AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT****Criteria for the Selection of Valedictorian and Salutatorian**

The selection of valedictorian and salutatorian at the high school level will be based on the following criteria:

1. The valedictorian shall be the graduating high school senior in attendance with the highest grade point average.
2. The salutatorian shall be the graduating high school senior in attendance with the second highest grade point average.
3. Grade point average will be based on a 4.0 scale (A=4 points; B=3 points; C=2 points; D=1 point; F=0 points) for non-weighted courses.
4. Weighted credit will be given to students who successfully complete advanced placement or international baccalaureate diploma program courses of study (A=5 points; B=4 points; C=3 points; D=1 point; F=0 points).
5. Each candidate for valedictorian and salutatorian must have completed all the requirements for the distinguished scholar program at a comprehensive high school.
6. Determination for Valedictorian and Salutatorian are made after the first semester of the senior year has been completed.
7. If a tie exists, the principal may honor more than one valedictorian and/or salutatorian.

**Merit Diploma**

The Superintendent or designee shall identify students who qualify for the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma. In order to qualify, students shall achieve the standards or achievement levels established by the State Board of Education, to include:

1. Complete all requirements for a high school diploma, and
2. Mastery of the curriculum in at least six subject areas, as follows:
  - A. English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) – students must have earned one of any of the following:

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- a. A grade of B+ or above (or numerical equivalent) in a single course (each semester) completed in grade nine or ten or eleven
  - b. An achievement level of “standard met” or above for the high school Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment
- B. Mathematics – students must have earned one of any of the following:
- a. A grade of B+ or above (or numeric equivalent) in a single course (each semester) completed in grade nine or ten or eleven
  - b. An achievement level of “standard met” or above for the high school Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment
- C. Science – students must have earned one of any of the following:
- a. A grade of B+ or above (or numeric equivalent) in a single course (each semester) completed in grade nine or ten or eleven
  - b. A qualifying score that demonstrates mastery of the subject as determined by the LEA for an examination produced by a private provider or the LEA
- D. U.S. History – students must have earned one of any of the following:
- a. A grade of B or above (or numerical equivalent) upon completion of the required U.S. history course (each semester)
  - b. A qualifying score that demonstrates mastery of the subject as determined by the LEA for an examination produced by a private provider or the LEA
- E. Two Additional Subject Areas – students may choose from any of the following:
- a. Any additional qualifying grade or score listed above, earned for the subject of ELA, mathematics, science, or U.S. history not already used to meet eligibility
  - b. A grade of B or above (or numerical equivalent) upon the completion of high school courses in other subjects
  - c. A qualifying score that demonstrates mastery of other subjects, as determined by the LEA for an examination produced by a private provider or the LEA

**Distinguished Scholar**

The Distinguished Scholar Program is offered by the Chino Valley Unified School District to increase academic motivation, broaden university admission options, provided access to competitive majors, prepare for college admission exams, and develop strong

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academic skills in university prep students. Counselors will identify seniors who may qualify as a distinguished scholar by reviewing student transcripts.

To qualify as a distinguished scholar a student must:

1. Complete all prescribed courses in grades 9-12 to meet the UC/CSU a-g requirements;
2. Receive a minimum of a 3.9 weighted GPA in all courses, grades 9-12;
3. Receive a grade of C or higher in all courses, grades 9-12;
4. Demonstrate evidence of school and/or community service and;
5. Complete 28 semesters of coursework in the prescribed course of study.

**Prescribed Course of Study**

English 4 Years

English 9 H  
English 10 H  
English 11 AP  
English 12 AP

Advanced Math 4 Years

Geometry  
Algebra 2 H  
Integrated II H  
Integrated III H  
Financial Literacy  
Mathematical Reasoning with Connections (MRWC)  
Trig/Pre-Calculus H  
Statistics AP  
Calculus AB CP  
Calculus AB AP  
Calculus BC AP

Social Sciences 3 ½ Years

World History H or AP  
US History AP  
US Government AP  
European History AP  
Economics H or AP  
Human Geography AP

Science 3 Years

Biology H or AP  
Biology and The Living Earth H

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Chemistry H or AP  
 Chemistry in The Earth System H  
 Physics H or AP  
 Physics in The Universe H  
 Human Anatomy and Physiology H  
 Environmental Science AP

Foreign Language                      Three Years of the same Language approved by  
 UC/CSU

Note: GPA calculations are based upon the first seven (7) semesters from high school.

**Graduate with Honors**

To qualify as a graduate with honors, a student must:

1. Complete all prescribed courses in grades 9-12 to meet the CVUSD graduation requirements and the UC/CSU a-g requirements;
2. Receive a minimum of a 3.75 weighted GPA in all courses, grades 9-12;
3. Receive a grade of C or higher in all courses, grades 9-12 and;
4. Completed 28 semesters of coursework in the prescribed course of study.

Furthermore, it is recommended that the student demonstrates evidence of school and/or community service.

**Prescribed course of study for graduate with honors:**

English 4 Years                      English 9 CP or English 9 H  
    English 10 CP or English 10 H  
    English 11 CP or English 11 AP  
    Expository Reading and Writing course  
    (ERWC), English 12 CP or English 12 AP

Math 4 Years                      Algebra 1  
    Geometry  
    Algebra 2 or Algebra 2 H  
    Integrated I or Integrated I H  
    Integrated II or Integrated II H  
    Integrated III or Integrated III H  
    Financial Literacy  
    MRWC

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	Probability and Statistics Trig/Pre-Calculus or Trig/Pre-Calculus H Calculus AP CP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics AP
Social Sciences 3 Years	World History or World History H US History or US History AP US Government or US Government AP Econ, Econ H, or Econ AP European History AP Human Geography AP
Science 3 Years	Biology H or Biology AP Biology and The Living Earth or Biology and The Living Earth H Earth Science or Earth Science H Chemistry, Chemistry H, or Chemistry AP Chemistry in The Earth System and Chemistry in The Earth System H Physics, Physics H, or Physics AP Physics in The Universe and Physics in The Universe H Environmental Science AP Human Anatomy and Physiology H Environmental Science AP
Foreign Language	Three Years of the same Language approved by UC/CSU

Note: GPA calculations are based upon the first seven (7) semesters from high school.

At the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, honors distinction shall be granted to students who transfer in from a school outside the District if they have successfully completed coursework that is similar to, but does not match, the prescribed course of study.

**Scholarship Fund**

The District's scholarship fund shall be administered by a committee composed of board members, the Superintendent and other community, faculty, administrative and/or student representatives determined by the Board. (Education Code 35310)

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Members of this committee shall be appointed by the Board and shall serve one-year terms.

The Superintendent shall serve as chairperson of the committee and chief executive officer of the fund. (Education Code 35311)

The committee shall meet at least once each fiscal year and at other such times as it may be called into session by the Superintendent. (Education Code 35312)

Scholarship funds shall be deposited, administered and audited in accordance with Education Code 35314 and 35318.

The committee may accept gifts, donations and bequests made for the purposes of the fund. The committee also may prescribe conditions or restrictions on these gifts and bequests. The committee shall review any conditions imposed by the donor and make a recommendation to the Board as to the compatibility of such conditions with the intent and purpose of the fund. The Board may prohibit the committee from accepting any donation under conditions it finds incompatible with the fund's intent and purpose. (Education Code 35313)

(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)  
(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures governing applications for scholarship awards from the fund. Eligibility for a scholarship award shall be determined based on objective criteria and without discrimination.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Activities and Programs)

The Superintendent or designee shall make at least annual reports to the Board regarding the status and activity of the fund. (Education Code 35319)

**Chino Valley Unified School District**

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