

CLASS RANKINGS/GRADE POINT AVERAGES

A student must earn a passing grade point average (70.0) in order to participate in graduation. To be awarded an honor part in the graduation ceremonies, a student must maintain at least a B average (85.0).

The Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and other graduation honor parts will be determined from individual students' class rank based upon grades earned in course work taken over seven* semesters at state approved secondary schools. These seven semesters include two semesters each from grades 9, 10, and 11 and the first semester from grade 12. At least 50% of the course work taken must be from non-modified college preparatory courses. In addition, a student must fulfill an attendance requirement of two semesters for grade 11 and two semesters for grade 12 as a full-time day student at Searsport District High School. This attendance requirement shall include enrollment in programs approved by the guidance counselor and principal but which are not available at Searsport District High School. Class ranking for students transferring from unapproved secondary schools or not meeting the attendance requirement will be provided for college admissions purposes only. Since a precise rank is unavailable, an approximate rank to the nearest tenth from the top will be given to the college, with a letter from the guidance counselor explaining how this approximation was determined.

Students who have attained an average of 85 or above from their seven semesters of approved course work are eligible to wear a gold tassel on their graduation cap during the commencement ceremonies providing at least 50% of their course work was taken from non-modified college preparatory courses.

Any student from MSAD #56 who successfully completes a program of studies at a state approved magnet school (i.e. Maine School of Math and Science at Limestone) may request approval from the Searsport District High School principal and the Superintendent of Schools to participate in the MSAD #56 graduation ceremonies. In lieu of a diploma from Searsport District High School, the magnet school students will be honored with a Certificate of Recognition for academic accomplishment.

* Any student who has been home schooled and does not meet the seven semester requirement at the time of enrollment at Searsport District High School, shall be given the option of being assessed for the purpose of confirming his/her home school transcript for the ninth and tenth grade only. After this assessment is completed, grades from a home schooling program judged to be equivalent to those earned in a public school program will be given full and equal standing in determining class rank for honor part selection. The Searsport District High School staff, together with the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) shall determine the method of assessment. The assessment decision of the Searsport District High School staff shall be final. Students transferring from a home schooling program must be enrolled for at least two

semesters as a full-time student during Grade 12 to be eligible for a Searsport District High School diploma.

CROSS REFERENCE: IGBH-R, Home Schooling - Participation in School Programs
IKF, Graduation Requirements

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