West Platte Senior High School
Graduation System

Our school system values excellence from our students. It only makes sense to celebrate excellence achieved by our graduates. Excellence and achievement are not cookie-cutter concepts. Students, parents, and staff have improved our graduation system to recognize the many different forms of excellence. This graduation system will recognize our graduates who achieve top levels during their high school careers.

In an effort to encourage success for all students who choose rigorous, well-rounded courses, West Platte Senior High School will adopt the Laude graduation system. Simply put, students are able to earn achievement and honors distinctions based on their success in their chosen high school courses. We hold a strong belief that students should select courses based on educational value and broad interest. Our graduates have a long tradition of extremely high achievement in the classroom. The laude system celebrates the diverse range of excellence amongst West Platte graduates.

Implementation: Class of 2017

Laude Levels:

- Summa Cum Laude “With Highest Distinction”
  - GPA: 4.0 and above
- Magna Cum Laude “With Great Distinction”
  - GPA: 3.99-3.87
- Cum Laude “With Distinction”
  - GPA: 3.86-3.75

“With Honors”

Graduates can earn with honors designation. Graduates earning this designation have demonstrated success in West Platte’s most challenging courses. To earn with honors designation, a student must earn a minimum GPA of 3.75 in no less than 7 semesters of weighted courses.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

West Platte Senior High School will continue to recognize the valedictorian and salutatorian in each graduating class. Beyond these top two honors, no students will be assigned a class rank. The valedictorian will deliver the student speech during commencement exercises.