



**GULF SHORES**  
CITY SCHOOLS

GULF SHORES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
JANUARY 16, 2020  
5:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Reflection**
3. **Pledge Of Allegiance**
4. **Roll Call**
5. **Adoption Of The Agenda**
6. **Opening Announcements - Dolphin Foundation Report**
  
7. **Approval Of Minutes**
  - A. December 12, 2019 - Regular Board Meeting
  - B. January 6, 2020 - Work Session Meeting
  
8. **Discussion Items**
  - A. High School Curriculum Revisions and Updates

Documents:

[SCHOOL BOARD PRESENTATION - GSCS.PDF](#)
  
9. **Action Items**
  - A. Legal Fees
  - B. Financial Report
  - C. Expenditure of Funds
    - a. City of Gulf Shores
    - b. HVAC Unit for GSHS Gym
  - D. Revised Salary Schedule
  - E. Policy Approval
    - a. 6.22-6.24 (Graduation, Class Rankings, and Weighting of Grades)
  - F. Personnel
  - G. Contracts
    - a. Center for Ecotourism & Sustainability
    - b. Technology Support
    - c. Outside Evaluators for 21st Century Programs

Documents:

[POLICY- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS \(6.22-6.24\)-1\\_6\\_20 REVISION .PDF](#)

**10. Superintendent Report**

**11. Public Comment**

**12. Future Meeting Dates**

- A. February 6, 2020 - Work Session
- B. February 20, 2020 - Regular Board Meeting

**13. Attorney Client Privilege**

**14. Adjournment**



**Engaging**  
**Learning Environments**

**Rigorous**  
**Academics**

**Unique**  
**Community Resources**

## THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

### The ‘Hybrid’ Skills That Tomorrow’s Jobs Will Require

“Jobs that tap both technical and creative thinking will be likely to pay well—and **resist automation.**”

Understand technical  
information

Solve problems resourcefully

Communicate effectively

Think creatively

Use data to make decisions

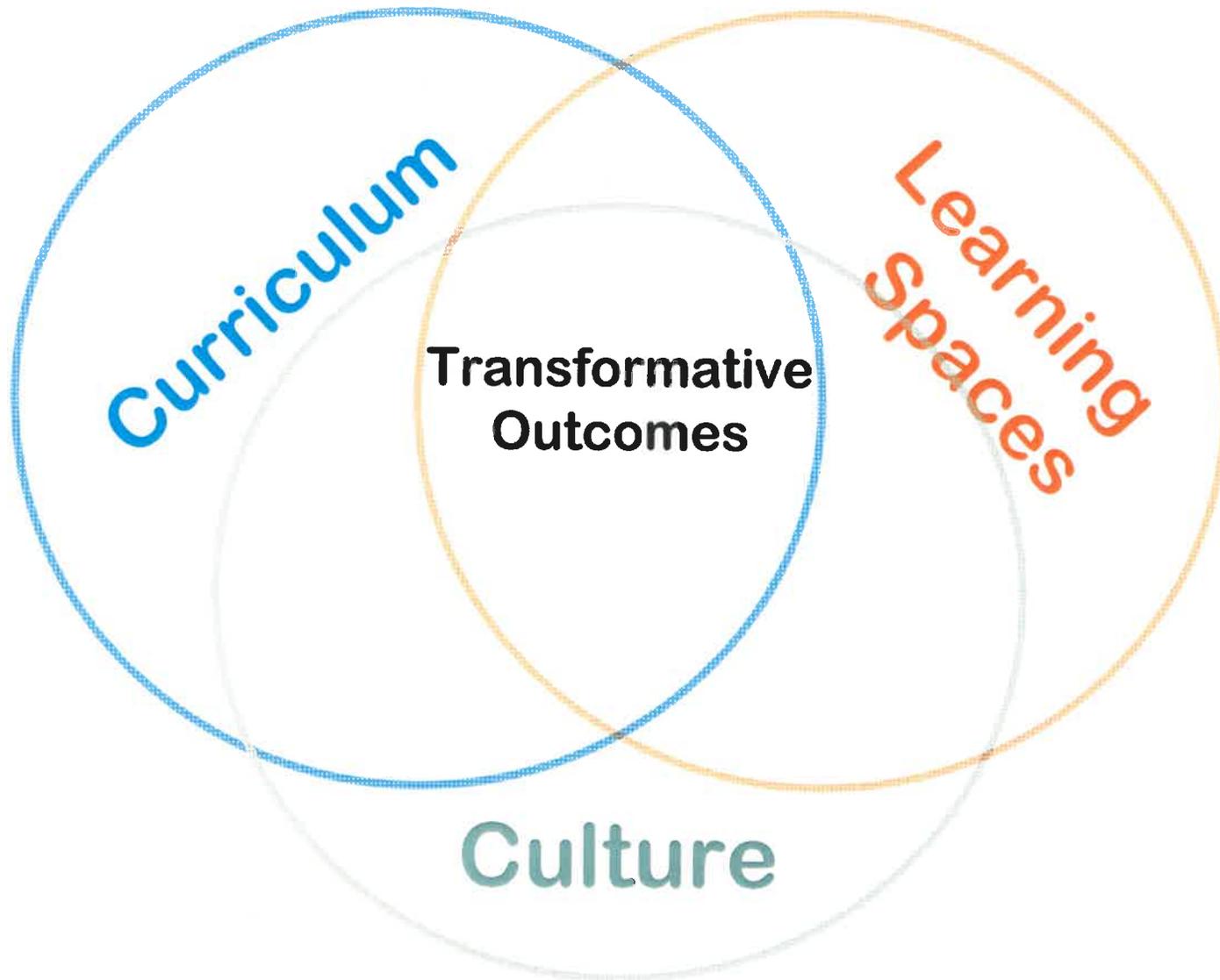
Design intelligently

Preparing students for-



Stanford





# 1

## Academies Amplified

- Simulated Workplace
- Paid Apprenticeships
- Curricula - Industry
- Guest Lecturers
- GSHS Career Coach
- Internships
- Ready to Work



# 1

## New & Updated Academies

- Applied Design Academy
- Aviation Academy
- Fine Arts Academy
- Health Science Academy
- Hospitality and Tourism Academy
- Business and Marketing Academy
- Public Service and Safety Academy
- Gulf Coast Sustainability Academy
- Engineering and Computer Science Academy
- Government and Public Administration Academy



# 1

## Applied Design Academy

- Four year program
- Interdisciplinary- core and career
- Design process, problem solving, communication skills, hands-on experiences in all courses
- Application\*
- Cohort learning model- build community, cohesion, a culture of excellence

\*Admission requirements will include the submission of a resume, writing sample, test scores, grades, teacher recommendation(s), and/or interview.

2020-2021: Begin with freshman cohort



# 1

## Applied Design Academy

9<sup>th</sup>

Hon English  
Hon Biology  
Hon Geometry  
AP World Hist.  
Spanish 1  
Design Thinking

10<sup>th</sup>

Hon English  
Hon Chemistry  
Hon Algebra II/Trig  
AP European Hist.  
Spanish 2  
AP Comp Sci Principles

11<sup>th</sup>

AP English Lang  
AP Biology or Chem  
Pre-Calculus  
AP US Hist.  
Elective Choice\*  
STEAM Seminar w/Capstone

12<sup>th</sup>

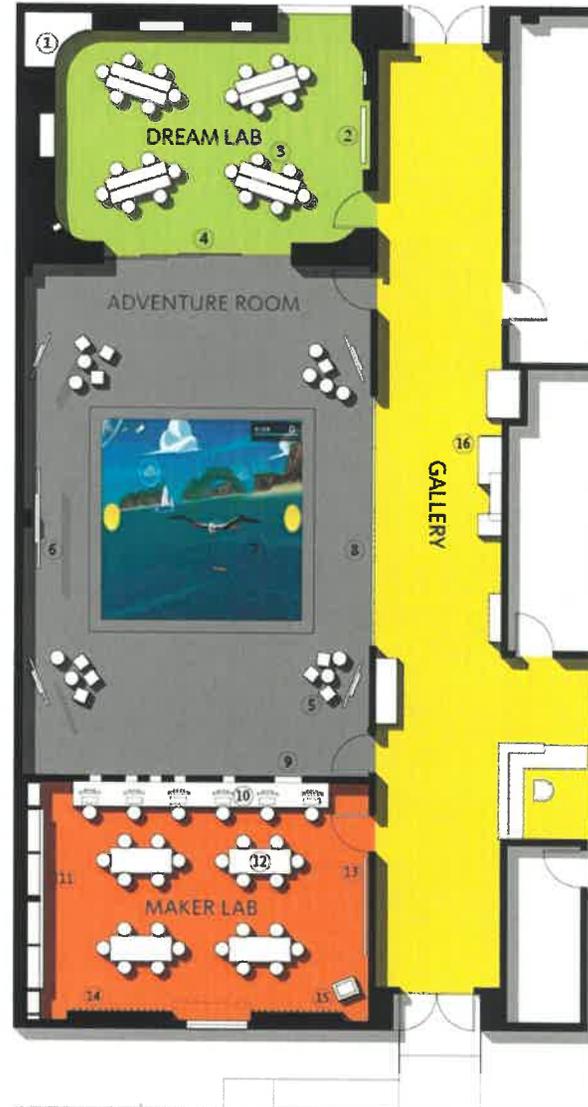
AP English Lit  
AP Phys or AP Bio or AP Env  
AP Stats or AP Calculus  
AP Government & Hon Econ  
Elective Choice\*  
Designing for the Gulf Coast

### \* Elective Choices

Anatomy  
Hon Ecology  
Hon Aquascience  
Hon. Marine Science  
Art  
Theatre  
Culinary  
Hospitality and Tourism  
Music Technology  
Environmental Management  
Horticulture  
Psychology  
Spanish 3 or 4

# 2

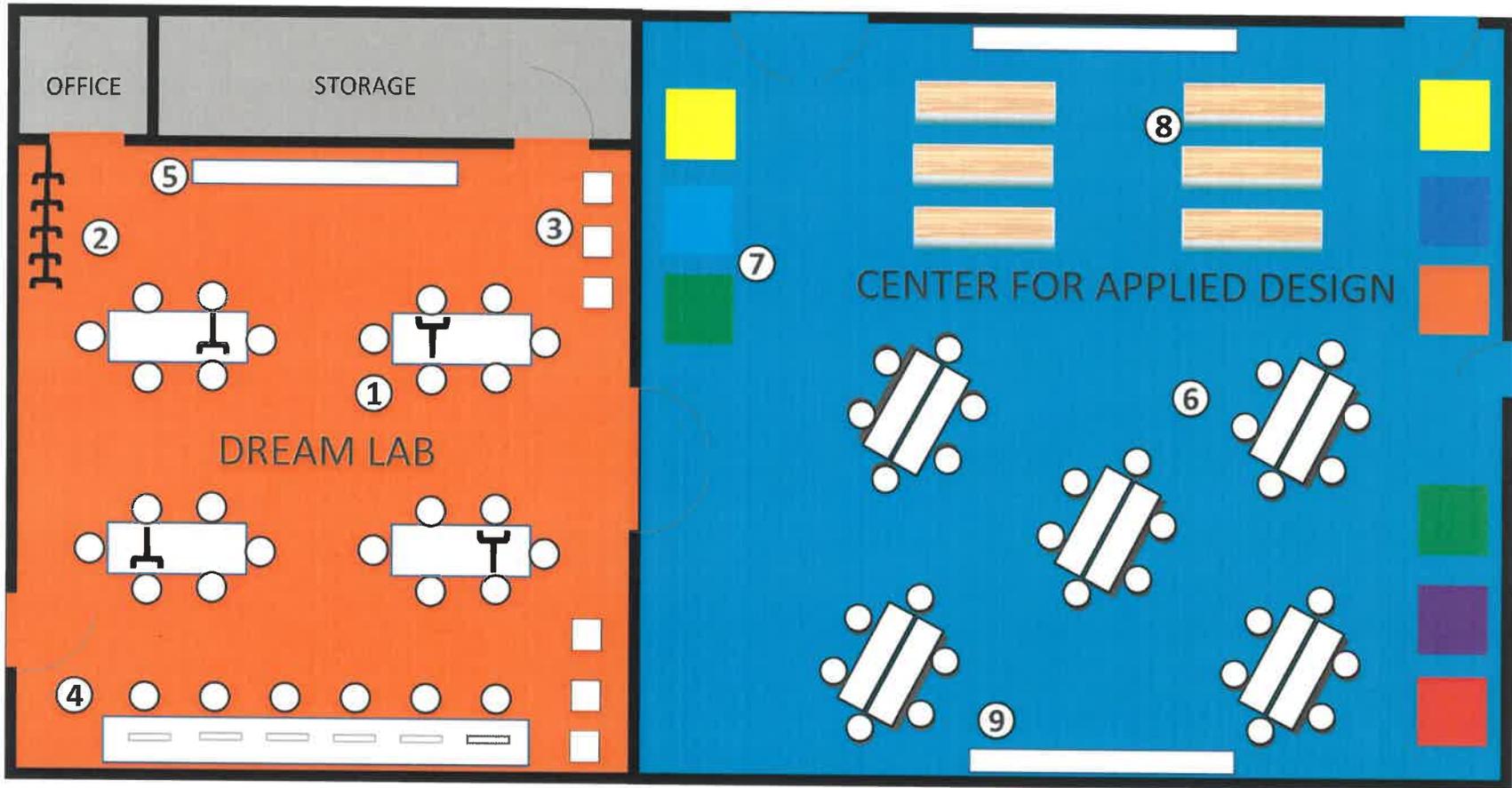
## Our Learning Spaces



# 2

## Our Learning Space Focus

- We envision an immersive technology design space for students to collaborate on projects and problem solving exercises.
- A space for virtual reality, computer aided design, 3D printing, drones, robotics, & more
- Available to be booked throughout the school day by all teachers (150-180 students per day)



1. Reconfigurable Design Teams
2. HoloLens 2 Mixed Reality Headsets
3. 3D Printers & Color Laser Printers
4. iMacs for CAD and Graphic Design

5. Smartboard Interactive
6. Mobile Shop Tables
7. Mobile Materials Cabinets
8. Standing-height Workbenches

# 3

## Our Culture Focus

To achieve transformational outcomes, we will foster a high-performance culture-

- productivity
- academic excellence
- respect for every individual

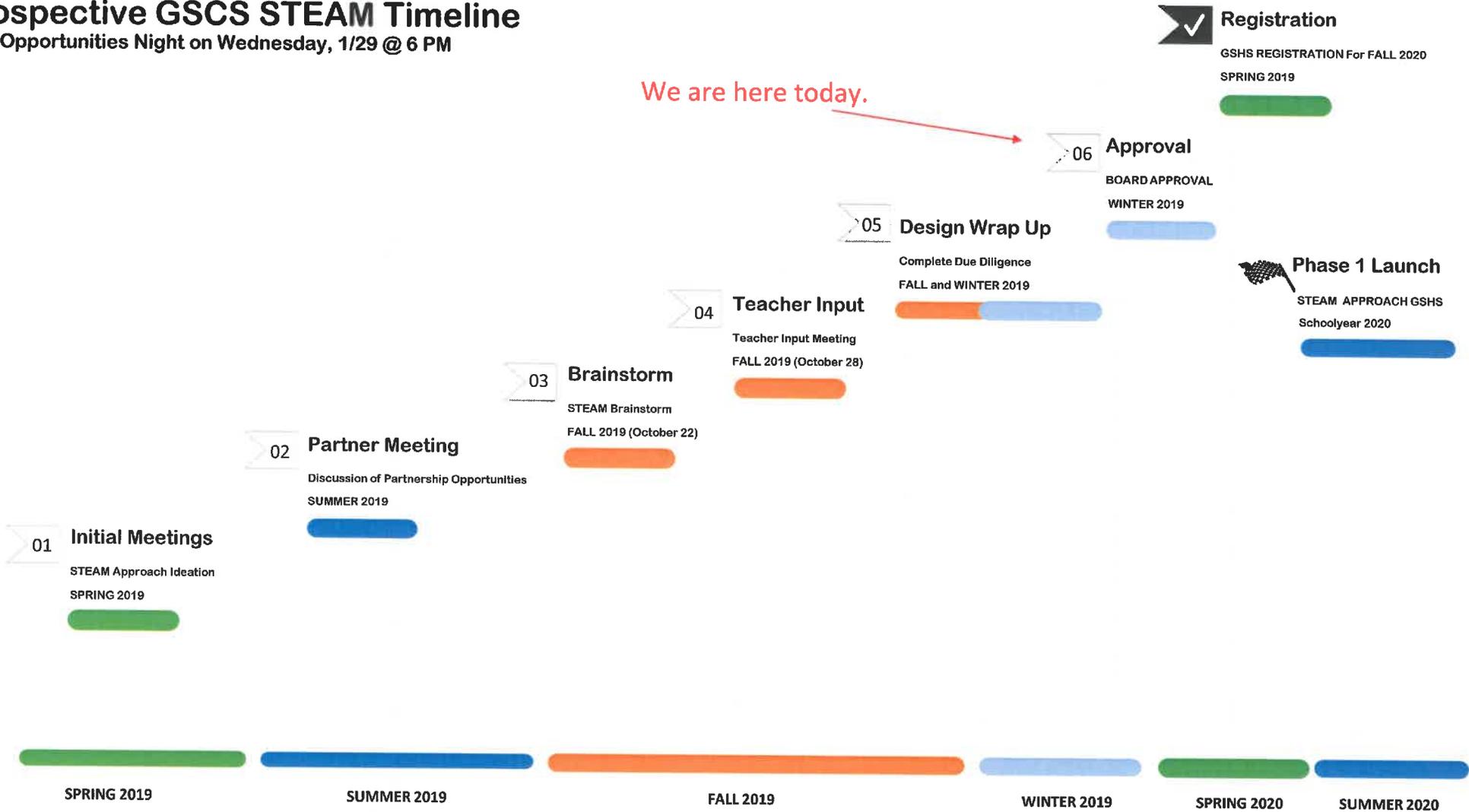
Do our students value rigor?

Do our students understand how to set and accomplish challenging goals?



# Prospective GSCS STEAM Timeline

New Opportunities Night on Wednesday, 1/29 @ 6 PM



We are here today.

## **6.22 *Graduation Requirements***

All students entering the 9th grade are required to complete course requirements for graduation as specified by the Alabama State Board of Education and the Gulf Shores Board of Education. A document that describes requirements for all diplomas and certificates awarded by the Gulf Shores Board of Education will be disseminated to students and parents.

Documents describing graduation requirements for students shall describe types of diplomas and endorsements by graduating class/year/cohort, total credits and assessments required, core course requirements, elective course offerings, and the process for earning weighted credit when appropriate. Additionally, such publications shall describe courses and/or procedures by which students may earn credits toward graduation prior to grade 9 and procedures for the validation and/or acceptance of credits for students transferring into the Gulf Shores School System.

[Reference(s): Code of Alabama 16-11-9, 16-26-1, Alabama Administrative Code §290-030-010-.06(11) (K)1]

## **6.23 *Participation in Graduation Ceremonies***

The Gulf Shores Board of Education authorizes local high school principals and appropriate staff members to design and implement graduation ceremony exercises for their respective schools. In all cases, eligibility criteria for participation in graduation exercises (marching) shall encompass the following provisions:

- A. Senior regular education and special education students who earn any Alabama high school diploma are eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony (march).
- B. Special education students who have not met the requirements for a diploma but have met the requirements of their IEPs shall be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony and will be awarded the Graduation Certificate.
- C. Students who meet all requirements after their designated graduation date may participate in the next graduation ceremony/exercise.

[Reference(s): Code of Alabama 16-11-9]

## **6.24 *Weighting of Grades, Class Rankings and Honor Graduates***

**6.24.1 Weighting of Grades: Beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year, grades will be weighted as follows:**

- a. **Advanced Placement classes will receive a weight of 1.0 quality points. Students must take the AP exam to receive weighted credit.**

- b. Dual enrollment classes will receive a weight of 0.5 quality points.
- c. Pre-AP and Honors classes will receive a weight of 0.5 quality points.

6.24.2 Ranking and Recognition of Students: Eligibility for academic honors will be determined by calculating the cumulative weighted average of all final course grades posted on the high school transcript. Students who earn a D or F in any high school course will not be eligible to receive academic honors. The academic honors designations shall be awarded as follows:

- a. Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors) 4.00 and higher (4.2 or higher beginning with the class of 2023)
- b. Magna Cum Laude (with high honors) 3.75-3.9999 (4.0-4.1999 beginning with the class of 2023)
- c. Cum Laude (with honors) 3.50-3.7499 (3.8-3.9999 beginning with the class of 2023)

A student's final cumulative weighted grade point average calculated to at least the fourth decimal place, including grades earned for repeated courses, will be used to determine class rank.

The top ten percent (10%) of students based on weighted GPA who have earned the College and Career Preparatory Endorsement or the College and Career Preparatory with Honors Endorsement will be recognized at graduation.

[References: Code of Alabama 16-11-9]