

GRADE WEIGHTING/CLASS RANKING

Morris Central School's policy for the procedure used for calculating the class rank based on a weighted scale as determined by regents/non-regents/AP/college courses. The following table indicates the points (or weight) assigned for a particular grade range:

	AP/COLLEGE	R- ½ CR	R-1 CR	Non-R- ½ CR	Non-R-1 CR
95-100	18	8	16	7	14
90-94	16	7	14	6	12
85-89	14	6	12	5	10
80-84	12	5	10	4	8
75-79	10	4	8	3	6
70-74	8	3	6	2	4
65-69	6	2	4	1	2
<65	0	0	0	0	0

Points are assigned for a particular grade depending on whether or not the course is a ½ credit course or full credit course and whether or not it is a regents or AP/college course. More points are given for AP/college and regents courses and full credit courses. These point totals are added up for each course the student has completed and then divided by twice (2X) the sum total of the number of units of study. An example follows:

Student X:	Grade	Credit Given	Points Assigned
English (regents)	92	1 unit	14
Math (non-regents)	94	1 unit	10
AP History	83	1 unit	12
Science (non-regents)	78	1 unit	6
Spanish (non-regents)	62	1 unit	0
PE	96	½ unit	7
Total		5.5	49

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Class rank} &= \text{points} \div 2 \text{ times the number of credits} \\ &= 49 \div (2 \times 5.5) \\ &= 49 \div 11 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Class rank} = 4.4545$$

Selection of Valedictorian and Salutatorian

- ❖ The students are ranked in order from the highest class rank value down to the lowest class rank value. The Valedictorian will have the highest class rank value and the Salutatorian will have the second highest class rank value.
- ❖ Eligible seniors must be a full-time student of the school district in their junior and senior year.
- ❖ Students who are enrolled after the first day of school in their junior year will not be eligible.
- ❖ Final calculation of ranking will be completed at the end of the third quarter of the senior year.
- ❖ In the event of a tie using the weighted system, there will be more than one recipient for the honor. No tie breaker will be used.

Selection of the Scholar Recognition Award

- ❖ The recipient will be the student who is ranked first at the end of the first semester, senior year. In the event of a tie using the weighted system, the student with the highest GPA at the end of the first semester will be the recipient.

Selection of the New York State Academic Excellence Scholarship

- ❖ The recipient will be the student with the highest grade on state selected regents entering his/her senior year.

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL GRADING SYSTEM

1. The passing grade for all courses is 65.
2. If a student repeats a subject, the better of the two final marks is the one used. The poorer mark is not counted. The same holds true for regents exams. All grades will appear on the transcript.
3. The quarterly average will be determined by giving 40% credit for daily class work and 60% for unit tests given during each quarter. Daily work includes all work except the unit tests (class participation, daily quizzes, homework, special reports, etc.). Unit tests are to be given during each quarter. The quarterly test mark is the average of all unit tests given during the quarter. A unit test is defined as a block of information studied in each subject area that is related to a particular topic.
4. A midterm exam is to be administered that is inclusive of all subject matter studied in the first 20 weeks.
5. A final exam is to be administered that is inclusive of all subject matter studied in the entire 40 weeks.
6. Any student taking a regents exam will have that grade count as their final examination mark.
7. A final mark will be computed using the following formula

$$\frac{2 \times (1^{\text{st}} \text{ quarter average} + 2^{\text{nd}} + 3^{\text{rd}} + 4^{\text{th}}) + \text{midterm} + \text{final}}{\text{-----}}$$

8. For ½ year courses, the above formula will be divided by 5 and not 10
9. All final grades, both in January and June, once they have been placed on report cards, cannot be changed or altered without approval of the principal.
10. All the students are allowed to drop a course up until two weeks into the course. After the second week, the student must remain in that course until completion.
11. All students must remain in a course for at least one week before being allowed to drop it.
12. Students must take a minimum of 6 ½ credits, including physical education, each year.
13. No incompletes can exist at the end of the school year.
14. AM/PM students must be taking a minimum of 2 regular subjects plus physical education.
15. Any online classes, except those taken for credit recovery or required for graduation, taken by a student will not be calculated in his/her GPA or used when calculating rankings. All online classes that are elective in nature will be paid for by the student and also will not be noted on report cards or on a student's final transcript.
16. When assigning a numerical number to a college level course that uses a letter grading system, the following numerical scores will be assigned to letter grades: A=95, B=85, C=75, D=65, F=55.

HONOR ROLL

1. Students attaining an overall average of 94.5-100 will qualify for the Principal's List. All subjects taken will be averaged.
2. Students attaining an overall average of 89.5-94.4 will qualify for High Honor Roll. All subjects taken will be averaged.
3. Students attaining an overall average of 84.5-89.4 will qualify for Honor Roll. All subjects taken will be averaged.
4. To be considered for Principal's List, High Honor Roll or Honor Roll, all subjects taken must have a passing grade. No incompletes will be honored.