

Drake High School ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Valedictorian and Salutatorian:

- The Valedictorian shall be the student with the highest grade point average. If the top grade point averages are within five one-hundredths of a point, these students shall have the honor of sharing the Valedictorian title. Any transfer student will have their transcript evaluated and honors/AP credit will be equalized so that credit will be granted only for courses offered at Drake.
- The salutatorian will be the student with the second highest grade point average.
- The grade point average will be based on all grades recorded on the TUHSD transcript, included weighted grades.
- All students with a 3.8 or higher, will be recognized at the Senior Awards ceremony. The grade point average will be calculated as above for the Valedictorian.

Academic Honor Organizations

Drake Honor Crew:

This student organization was created with Sir Francis Drake High School to recognize students with academic and community involvement. To be a member of the Drake Honor Crew a student must obtain twelve points from classes and activities in the previous semester. Ten points must be earned from grades (A=3, B=2, C=1) One point must come from ten hours of an extracurricular activity, one for which the student did not receive school credit or pay. Examples of this are after-school sports, student government, helping with a class activity. The remaining one point may come from either a class or from ten more hours of an activity. Two C's, one D or one F disqualifies a candidate, including a NC in Advisor. Repeated courses do not count toward membership. Life membership in Honor Crew is achieved by being a member for six of the eight semesters, including one from grades earned in the senior year. Students must apply each semester. Information will be provided on the DHS Weekly Bulletin. Late applications are not accepted.

California Scholarship Federation (CSF):

CSF is governed by the state organization. Membership is approved by this organization. This organization is for students carrying four or more subjects (not counting PE or repeated courses) and who earn a minimum of ten CSF points, seven of these must be in academic subjects. A grade "D" and "F" in any subject, including PE, repeated courses and citizenship shall exclude a student from membership for the semester. No extracurricular activities shall be recognized for points. Students must apply for CSF by the deadline. Life membership is obtained by earning membership four of the last six semesters in school, one semester of which must be based on senior grades. Membership privileges will be granted to freshmen, however ninth grade membership does NOT count towards life membership.

Graduation Recognition:

At graduation, the following cords will distinguish the following academic and service honors:

- Gold Cords- California Scholarship Federation
- Green/White Cords- Drake Honor Crew
- White Cords- Drake High School Associated Student Body/Leadership