Honor Cord Information

**Top 10** in Senior Class will wear a **GOLD** honor cord. There is no cost associated with this.

**Graduating with Honors** students will wear a **SILVER** honor cord. Mrs. Nidiffer will talk to you about how to order these when it gets closer to graduation. Those students who qualify to Graduate with Honors must meet all of the following criteria, as set by the Tennessee State Department of Education:

* Minimum GPA of 3.0
* Must meet *all* of the following benchmark scores on the ACT:
* English 18
* Reading 21
* Math 22
* Science 24

**Graduating with Distinction** students will wear an **ORANGE** honor cord. Mrs. Nidiffer will talk to you about how to order these when it gets closer to graduation. Those students who qualify to Graduate with Distinction must meet the minimum GPA requirement of 3.0, AND AT LEAST ONE of the following, as set by the Tennessee State Department of Education:

* Earn a nationally recognized industry certification from a CTE course
* Participate in at least one of the Tennessee Governor’s Schools
* Participate in one of the state’s All State musical organizations
* Be selected as a National Merit Finalist or Semi-finalist
* Attain a score of 31 or higher composite score on the ACT
* Attain a score of 3 or higher on at least two (2) Advanced Placement Exams
* Successfully complete the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program
* Earn 12 or more semester hours of transcripted postsecondary credit (at least 4 dual enrollment courses). Bridge SAILS Math does not count toward the 12 hours.

**Tennessee Scholars** will have the opportunity to order a medallion on a red, white, and blue ribbon to wear at graduation. They will also receive a special seal on their diplomas. Orders will be taken once applications are turned in and verified by the State.

There may be other honor cords ordered later, and some clubs and organizations will provide the opportunity to wear stoles (for example, Beta Club) with your caps and gowns. Check with your club sponsor directly if you have any questions about other cords or stoles.