

Honor Cord Criteria

(Listed in Alphabetical Order)

A+ Computer Technician (Orange/Silver Cord)

Students in the Academy of Information Technology took a year-long course in Computer Hardware and Software. At the end of the course, these students sat for a rigorous certification exam and passed both parts.

AFJROTC (Dark Blue/Silver Cord)

Students/cadets receiving a JROTC Honors Cord must meet the following:

- Completed three (3) years of AFJROTC and successfully fulfilled the duties required when selected to a honors-level position.
- Maintained a 3.0 GPA average in AFJROTC every semester.
- Cannot have more than three unexcused absences per semester in AFJROTC.
- Must exhibit a positive attitude, discipline, and respect at all times.
- Must attend all mandatory AFJROTC NC-074 events.
- Must complete 8 hours of community service sponsored by the AFJROTC NC-074 Program.
- Must have successfully served in an AFFROTC NC-074 Group Leadership Staff position. This includes not being demoted and/or removed from a leadership position while in AFJROTC.

AIG (Academically and Intellectually Gifted program) (White Cord)

Must be in the AIG program and on active status.

AOEMS (Academy of Emergency Medical Science) (Maroon, Navy, and Medical White Cord)

An AOEMS graduating senior in good standing who has completed the following requirements: Biomedical Technology, and/or Foundations of Health Science Careers 1 and 2, Health Science I, Health Science II/Honors, and a course with a clinical requirement either from PFHS (Nursing Fundamentals or Advanced Studies), or FTCC (EMT or CNA 1 and/or CNA 2), with an 85% or better. Students must have also completed 40 hours of volunteer service to the community.

AOIT (Academy of Information Technology) (Purple/White Cord)

- Weighted overall 3.0 GPA
- 3.0 GPA in Academy classes
- Minimum of 200 hours of work-based learning/community service hours
- Completed a 120-hour internship
- Wear Academy uniform 90% of Tuesdays
- Prompt attendance for at least 90% of Tuesday Senior Meetings

AOS (Academy of Scholars) (Silver Cord)
Must be a member in good standing.

AP Scholars (Advanced Placement Scholars) (Light Blue/Silver Cord)
Determined by College Board and represents making a level 3 or higher on three or more Advanced Placement exams.

CNA 1 (Certified Nursing Assistant 1) (Forest Green Cord)
Awarded to a graduating senior who has earned the CNA I credential from the State of North Carolina either through the AOEMS's Nursing Fundamentals curriculum, or FTCC's CNA I curriculum.

CNA 2 (Certified Nursing Assistant 2) (Forest Green and Silver Cord)
Awarded to a graduating senior who has earned the CNA II credential from the State of North Carolina through FTCC's CNA II curriculum. Since this cord is a double cord, it represents both CNA I and CNA II.

CTE Honors (Teal Cord)

- Senior with 3.0 Overall GPA (unweighted) in grades 9-12.
- 90 or higher average in Career & Technical Education Courses.
- Completed or is completing a 4-credit CTE Concentration in a Career Cluster.
- Achieved Silver Career Readiness Certificate or Higher on the Work Keys Assessments.

CTE Honors Platinum (Teal/Silver Cord)

- Meet all the criteria for CTE Honors
- Score a Level 3 on all 3 WorkKeys Tests

Campus Life (Orange/White Cord) *Not recognized on graduation program*
Not offered for 2020-2021

- Must attend 70 percent of Campus Life Club Meetings
- Must have at least a 2.75 GPA
- Must have done at least 20 hours of community service

Cum Laude Students (Gold Cord and Gold Tassel)

Students with the distinction of cum laude must have a weighted GPA of 3.75-3.9999999.

Dance Cord (Maroon/Silver Cord)

Students receiving a Dance Honors Cord have

- 1) Completed 4 semesters of/AND 3 levels of dance.
- 2) Maintained a 95 average in dance every semester.
- 3) Cannot have more than three unexcused absences per semester in dance class.
- 4) Cannot be on attendance portfolios for any class.

- 5) Must exhibit good artistic values at all times.
- 6) Must attend and perform in all required performances.
- 7) Must have absolutely no discipline referrals from the dance teacher.
- 8) Must have never been suspended for any reason during your HS career.
- 9) Must complete 25 hours of community service with a minimum of 10 hours of dance related community service.

In order to receive a cord, students MUST receive 5 points from the following:

- 1 point- Evening of Dance Audition (solo or small group piece)
- 2 points- Evening of Dance Selected (solo or small group piece)
- 1 point- Outside Audition (student auditions for an outside dance performance)
- 2 points- Outside Performance (student work selected for outside performance)
- 1 point- All County Dance Audition
- 2 points- All County Dance Selected

DECA (Navy Cord)

Students must be an active member of DECA for two years. Students must also have competed in the DECA regional competition twice and DECA State Competition at least one time.

FCCLA (Family, Career, Community Leaders of America)

Not offered for 2020-2021

(Red and White Honor Cord)

- Be an active member for two years.
- Attend regional and state meetings.
- Compete at state and/or national leadership conferences for two years.

National FFA Organization (Future Farmers of America) (White and Gold cord)

Not offered for 2020-2021

- 1) Attend 70% of meetings (7/10) each active year and/or senior*.
- 2) Attend End of Year Banquet each active year and/or senior*.
- 3) Participate in a minimum of 1 Career Development Event each active year and/or senior*.

*Some members may not join until their senior year & will still be eligible for a cord. Members who join as underclassmen should meet these requirements each year of active membership, including their senior year.

FTCC High School Connections Graduates (Black/Gold Cords)

FTCC High School Connections graduates began their college course work while still in high school and successfully completed their certificate program at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Fayetteville/Cumberland Youth Council (Green/Gold/White Cord)

Attend Youth Council Meetings regularly (16 hours)

- Attend at least **one** city council meeting (2 hours)

- Attend at least **one** county commissioners' meeting (2 hours)
- Serve on at least **one** committee and/or board (4 hours)
- Community service (20-40 hours)
- Participation on other boards, committees or programs (such as Board of Education meetings, Community meetings, School clubs, Leadership/Professional Development Opportunities) (20-40 hours)
- Total of 60 hours minimum (Make-up assignment will be accepted for up to 10 hours of commitment.)

Green Team (Kelly Green Cord) **Updated 4/18/21**

- Minimum GPA 2.5 unweighted.
- Be a member of Green Team for at least 1 full year.
- Must have a minimum of 48 hours (per year) logged at Green Team meetings.

Honor Students (Gold Tassel)

Honor students must have a weighted GPA of 3.5 - 3.74999999.

Journalism/Yearbook (Teal/Black Cord)

Must be an active member of the yearbook or journalism staff for at least 4 semesters of high school, to include senior year; maintain a final grade of an A in each of these semesters, and held a leadership role on one of the publication staffs for at least 2 semesters.

Key Club (Royal Blue/Gold Cord) **Updated 4/18/21**

Students have been an active member of the Key Club during both their junior and senior years according to Key Club guidelines. In addition, during their senior year, they must have completed 90 hours of community service. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the number of volunteer hours has been reduced to 30 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Legacy Pin

Pine Forest Seniors whose parent(s) and/or grandparent(s) graduated from Pine Forest High School.

LIVE United (Red/White/Blue Cord) **Updated 4/18/21**

Live United is sponsored by the United Way of Cumberland County as a way to encourage students to become involved in their community by performing community service. This year's seniors had to complete 50 hours of community service within Cumberland County. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the number of volunteer hours has been reduced to 25 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Magna Cum Laude (Pink/Green Cord and Gold Tassel)

Students with the distinction of Magna Cum Laude must have a weighted GPA of 4.00-4.24999999.

Music (Pink Cord)

Recipients must be enrolled in the Advanced Music course for at least four semesters with the final grade in the course for each semester being an A. In addition, students must be enrolled in two additional Honors level music courses, maintaining an A average per semester in those courses as well. Students must be in attendance at all required performances and should be absent no more than 8 days per semester. This will apply to band, orchestra, and vocal music.

NHS-National Honor Society Exemplary Member (White National Honor Society Stole)

The National Honor Society requires students who are in Grades 10, 11, or 12 to maintain a weighted Grade Point Average of 4.0 or higher. In addition to continued academic excellence, students must also display leadership potential, maintain an active component to school and community, and possess exemplary character. For a student to receive a white National Honor Society Stole, he or she must be of senior academic status, have completed 45 community service hours, attended the required meetings, and participated in the NHS service projects.

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National Technical Honor Society (Purple Cord) Updated 9/15/20

- Maintain an overall unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Complete a CTE Concentrator Pathway
- Maintain a 90 average in the CTE Concentrator Pathway courses

National Art Honor Society (Rainbow Cord)

- Attendance is required at meetings to maintain membership privileges.
- To remain a member in good standing, a member must pay dues and complete community service hours in the amount of 15 or more hours PER SEMESTER in the **Visual Arts**. Summer hours will be required prior to receiving transcript recognition of membership in the National Art Honor Society. Summer hours must be completed in the summer, fall hours must be completed in the fall semester, and spring hours must be completed in the spring semester for a total of 45 hours per year.
- All members must participate in at least three (3) of our projects, activities, and fundraisers.
- Members must have and maintain a 3.0 cumulative average in all other subjects and a 3.5 in Art courses.

NC Governor's School (Burgundy/Old Gold Cord)

Chosen by the NC Governor's School and attended the NC Governor's School.

NC Scholars (Black Cord)

Students have a cumulative 3.5 unweighted GPA and have taken advanced courses in science, math, history, and foreign language beyond the regular graduation requirements.

Science Olympiad Cord (Burnt Orange Cord)

Awarded to active members of the Science Olympiad Team who have participated in regional competition.

SGA (Student Government Association) (Royal Blue/White Cord)

Must be elected for a minimum of 2 years.

SkillsUSA (Red Cord)

Student must have competed on both the regional and state level and have been an active member for two years.

Student 2 Student (S2S) (Purple/Gold Cord)

They need to actively participate in the S2S program and events, and complete 25 volunteer hours for each year they are in the program.

Suma Cum Laude (Green/Gold Cord and Gold Tassel)

Students with the distinction of cum laude must have a weighted GPA of 4.25 and above.