

# **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** (White/Blue Sash)

Students/cadets receiving a JROTC Stole 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 AFJROTC NC-074 Group Leadership Staff position. This includes not being demoted and/or removed from a leadership position while in AFJROTC.

### **AFJROTC Kitty Hawk Honor Society** (Dark Blue/Silver Cord)

Students/cadets receiving the AFJROTC Kitty Hawk Honor Society cord must meet the following criteria in addition to the AFJROTC criteria listed above:

- Maintained a 3.5 GPA or better
- Provided 10-20 hours of documented tutoring during the school year

### **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)

- Completed all AOEMS course requirements, to include a clinical course, with a final grade of 80 or higher
- Minimum of an overall unweighted 3.5 GPA
- Wear AOEMS uniform 90% of uniform days
- Completed Work-based Learning/Community Service Hour Requirements
- No discipline referrals

**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 – reduced hours this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

**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)

**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.

**Campus Life** (Orange/White Cord) *Not recognized on graduation program*

- 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 active members 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 2021-2022**

(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 2021-2022**

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

\*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.

### **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)**

**Not offered for 2021-2022**

- 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/White/Navy Blue 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 hold a leadership role on one of the publication staffs for at least 2 semesters.

**Key Club** (Royal Blue/Gold Cord)

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) have either graduated from Pine Forest High School or worked as a Pine Forest High School faculty or staff member.

**LIVE United** (Red/White/Blue Cord)

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 cords** (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.

**NHS-National Honor Society Member** (Special Designation in Graduation Program)

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.

**National Technical Honor Society** (Purple Cord)

- 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.

**Network+ Industry Certification** (Red/Blue Cord)

Students in the Academy of Information Technology classes to prepare them in Network Engineering. At the end of the class, they passed a rigorous industry certification exam.

**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)

**Not offered for 2021-2022**

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.

**Skills USA** (Red Cord)

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

**Summa Cum Laude** (Green/Gold Cord and Gold Tassel)

Students with the distinction of Summa Cum Laude must have a weighted GPA of 4.25 and above.