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Dear Parent/Guardian:

On January 24th 2017, the KUSD school board approved implementation of a laude system beginning with the Class of 2022. The laude system is a tiered acknowledgement system that recognizes students for the rigor of their academic program as well as their success in that program rather than a traditional class ranking system. The laude system is used by many high schools and colleges both locally and nationally. A range of weighted grade point averages would determine the various tiers including summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude. The graph below shows the laude system for Bradford, Tremper, Indian Trail, Kenosha eSchool, Lakeview Technology Academy and Harborside Academy.

| Laude Recognition | Weighted Grade Point Average Range |
|--------------------------|---|
| Suma Cum Laude | 4.300-5.000 |
| Magna Cum Laude | 4.000-4.299 |
| Cum Laude | 3.700-3.999 |

Ranges for Indian Trail Academy and Reuther Central high school will be communicated by the school. Along with the implementation of the laude system, a new weighting system was approved by the school board. Advanced placement courses will now carry more weight than honors or traditional courses in the weighted grade point calculation. Below is the table showing the weight of each type of course.

| Course Weight in GPA Calculation (Class of 2022) | | | |
|---|-----------|---------------|--------------------|
| Grade | AP | Honors | Traditional |
| A+, A, A- | 5 | 4.5 | 4 |
| B+, B, B- | 4 | 3.5 | 3 |
| C+, C, C- | 3 | 2.5 | 2 |
| D+, D, D- | 2 | 1.5 | 1 |

In Addition, students will still be able to take afterschool honors courses like theater but those courses will not impact their grade point average. Afterschool honors course offerings will be transcribed but zero credit will be tied to the course. The zero credit award only applies to courses taught within our school buildings and does not apply to eSchool. Courses taken through eSchool will continue to both show on a transcript and be awarded credit.

We hope this information will be helpful when assisting your child in selecting courses for high school. Our staff looks forward to working with you and your child to provide excellent, challenging learning opportunities and experiences. If you have any questions, please contact the principal or counselor at the school your child will attend.

Thank you,
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