



Valor Graduation Tracks

VALOR DIPLOMA

Meets all graduation requirements

Total: 26 Credits

VALOR DISTINGUISHED DIPLOMA

Meets all graduation requirements plus:

- A cumulative GPA of at least 3.00
- Completion of any four advanced upper-level courses (an Advanced Senior Thesis is not included toward this tally)
- Completion of an Advanced Senior Thesis

Total: 26 Credits

Special Graduate Recognitions

In addition to earning a diploma from Valor Preparatory Academy, students may be recognized at graduation with the following honors (as of January 2021):

VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN

Valedictorian: the highest Grade Point Average of all students who qualify for the Distinguished Diploma

Salutarian: the second highest Grade Point Average of all students who qualify for the Distinguished Diploma

GPA RECOGNITION

Summa Cum Laude: cumulative GPA of 3.80 or above

Magna Cum Laude: cumulative GPA of 3.60-3.79

Cum Laude: cumulative GPA of 3.40-3.59

THE KNIGHT'S CREST

The upperclassmen who best exemplify the virtuous character of an ideal Valor Knight as determined by Valor faculty and administration

- Awarded at the end of the 12th grade year and earned across the 11th & 12th grades
- This award is preceded by the Squire's Shield for 9th/10th and the Page's Supporters for 7th/8th

THE SQUIRE'S SHIELD

-The underclassmen who best exemplify the virtuous character of an ideal Valor Knight as determined by Valor faculty and administration.

- Awarded at the end of the 10th grade year and earned across the 9th & 10th grades
- This award is preceded by the Page's Supporters for 7th/8th

LINGUISTICS RECOGNITION

- *A minimum 3.40 GPA in all Language courses*
- *Successful completion of Latin 1 + four consecutive years of a single language (i.e. Spanish or Classical Latin)*
- *The collective endorsement of the Rhetoric School Languages faculty*

HUMANITIES RECOGNITION

- *A minimum 3.40 GPA in all Humanities and Composition courses*
- *Completion of at least two advanced Humanities or Composition courses*
- *The collective endorsement of the Rhetoric School Humanities faculty*
- *Successful completion of a community-based project in the Humanities fields, such as publication of a piece of fiction or nonfiction writing, membership in a Humanities-related society, and/or participation in a recognized Humanities-related competition or event*

SERVICE RECOGNITION

- *A demonstrated habit and heart for service with 100 or more total hours of unpaid service, half of which must be service to the local community and outside the student's church or school family (a maximum of 30 hours in a single school year may count toward this recognition).*

STEM RECOGNITION

- *A minimum 3.40 GPA in all Science and Mathematics courses*
- *Completion of at least three advanced Science or Mathematics courses*
- *The collective endorsement of the Rhetoric School Mathematics and Science faculty*
- *Successful completion of a community-based project in the STEM fields, such as completion of large scale mathematical, scientific, or technology research project or advancement from the Heart of Texas Regional Science Fair*