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29.01 Honors/Advanced Education Experiences. Honors/Advanced Education experiences are designed to meet the needs of students who have the potential to complete curriculum more demanding than that offered in the regular classroom and their current grade level. These classes are advanced in terms of content and performance expectations and provide credit toward graduation or possible college credit. Honors experiences may include, but shall not be limited to, specifically identified honors courses, dual credit courses, research and in-depth studies, mentorships, content-focused seminars and extended learning outcomes instruction in the content areas. Advanced education includes classes recognized or offered by The College Board, post secondary institutions and other recognized foundations, corporation or institutions, accelerated instructional courses offered via satellite and other courses and arrangements, approved by the local board of education and state board. Advanced Placement Courses (AP) must follow the course descriptions provided by The College Board and students are required to take the AP test. It is strongly recommended that the instructors of these courses receive training provided by the West Virginia Center for Professional Development.

Curriculum approved under this section shall be designed to advance the achievement of students in the subject area or areas in which the student has achieved at least two of the following criteria: (a) demonstrated exceptional ability and interest through past performance; (b) obtained the prerequisite knowledge and skills to perform honors or advanced work; and, (c) receive recommendation from the student's former or present teachers.

All courses designated as Honors and Advanced Education and college/high school dual credit will receive a weighted grade.

29.02 Procedure for Special Courses. Upon recommendation of the principal, individual schools may petition the Division of Administration and Instruction for approval of special courses taught at that school and post secondary courses identified by that school. Such petitions must be reviewed by Division staff and approved by the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction prior to inclusion. Each petition will be considered on an individual basis. Each school will develop a list of Honors/ Advanced Education Courses that shall

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include courses from the county list and any other division approved courses.

29.03 Honors/Advanced Education Courses (Weighted).

English

English 9 (H)

English 10 (H)

English 11 (H)

English 12 (H)

Com. Forensics

Debate

Great Books

Any College Board AP Course

Computer Education

Computer Science I

Computer Science II

Any College Board AP Course

Social Studies

Civics (H)

The World to 1500 (H)

U.S. and The World: 1500-1900 (H)

The World: Twentieth Century (H)

Any College Board AP Course

Business Education

Accounting II

Management Information Systems

Any College Board AP Course

Science

Physical Science 9 (H)

Biology (H)

Biology II

Anatomy/Physiology

Chemistry I

Chemistry II

Physics

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Physics II
Any College Board AP Course

Mathematics

Algebra II
Geometry
Analytic Geometry
Pre-Calculus
Calculus
Trigonometry
Probability and Statistics
Any College Board AP Course

Foreign Language

Any 3rd Year and Above Language
Any College Board AP Course

Post Secondary

Electronics (Vocational)
College Courses (A & I approved)

Art

Any College Board AP Course

Music

Any College Board AP Course

29.04Honor for Commencement Activities. Honors bestowed upon graduating seniors in Kanawha County shall be based on outstanding achievement in a rigorous academic program during the course of the student's school experience.

3.8 GPA -Honors

4.0 GPA with a minimum of 14 weighted credits - High Honors

4.5 GPA with a minimum of 14 weighted credits - Highest Honors

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29.05 Computation For Class Ranking. Computations for class ranking shall be made at the end of the first semester of the senior year. The following scale shall be used to determine class ranking:

Non-Weighted Courses

A = 4

B = 3

C = 2

D = 1

E = 0

Weighted Courses

A = 5

B = 4

C = 3

D = 2

E = 0

29.06 Transfer Students. Students transferring from one school to another within the District shall have their credits accepted at face value and shall be considered for honors. Students transferring to Kanawha County Schools from a school outside the county must have spent the whole of their senior year in Kanawha County Schools before they can be considered honor graduate. Students who transfer from outside the District and who are not eligible to be considered honor graduates may, however, be given recognition.

29.07 Commencement Recognition. Honor graduates may be given preference by leading the processional and in seating arrangements at commencement exercises.

29.08 School Profile/Transcript Statement. Each school shall include the following statement on the School Profile/Transcript Supplement: "To eliminate negative competition among students and to allow more flexibility in course selection, Kanawha County Schools has adopted the following designations for honor graduates:

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4.0 GPA with a minimum of 14 weighted credits - High Honors

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4.5 GPA with a minimum of 14 weighted credits - Highest Honors"

29.09Implementation. This Policy shall be implemented with the 2000-2001 school year. Exceptions include: Seniors, 1998, 1999, 2000, follow Administrative Regulation 55, Revised December 14, 1995.