

## North Carolina Science Olympiad Graduation Honor Cord Guidelines

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For graduating seniors that have participated in NC Science Olympiad for at least one year or more, special Honor Cords are offered to celebrate their hard work and dedication. Due to the intense critical thinking and academic nature of the NC Science Olympiad, the Honor Cord designation is part of a nationally recognized program that celebrates deserving students across the country. Below are the recommended criteria for the NC Science Olympiad Honor Cord designation based on years of participation and contribution.

## **NC Science Olympiad Team Participation:**

Designated by Red/White/Black Honor Cords

Student must be in good academic standing, eligible to graduate and have competed in a North Carolina Science Olympiad tournament.

Red/White/Black Honor Cords

## **About NC Science Olympiad**

North Carolina Science Olympiad (NCSO) is a NC State program with the mission to attract and retain the pool of K-12 students entering science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) degrees and careers in North Carolina. Every year NCSO hosts tournaments on university, community college, and public school campuses across the state. These tournaments are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of different hands-on, interactive, challenging and inquiry-based events that are well balanced between the various disciplines of biology, earth science, environmental science, chemistry, physics, engineering and technology. The challenging and self-motivating events of NCSO align with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study as well as the National Science Education Standards. The events are designed to enhance and strengthen both science content and process skills.