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### **Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Class Rankings**

The titles of valedictorian and salutatorian are academic honors or awards. The use of class ranking, G.P.A., and college admission test scores are mainly used by universities for admission, placing students in course work and awarding financial aid. Since most universities have established minimum course requirements that should be taken in high school in order to enter their institutions and in the interest of encouraging and recognizing outstanding academic achievement, a valedictorian and a salutatorian will be selected for each graduating class.

The district's valedictorian and salutatorian may be permitted to speak as part of the district's planned graduation program at the discretion of the building principal or designee. All speeches must be reviewed and approved in advance by the building principal or designee. Titles and privileges granted to students designated as valedictorian or salutatorian may be denied and/or revoked for violation of Board policy, administrative regulation or school rule. The valedictorian and salutatorian will be selected according to the procedure found in IKC-AR Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Class Rankings.

Foreign exchange students will not be considered in computing class rank and, therefore, will not be eligible for any academic honors. To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors, a student must be enrolled at district high schools prior to and continuously following the 1st school day of the student's senior year.

END OF POLICY

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The following general guidelines should be followed when choosing a valedictorian or salutatorian.

### **General Guidelines**

1. The following courses shall be established as minimum course work to be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian at graduation:

#### **Valedictorian or Salutatorian Minimum Course Work**

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credits</b>
English	4
Mathematics, including Algebra I, Geometry and Pre-Calculus	4
Natural Science, including Biology, and two of the following: Chemistry, Physics, or Physiology	3
Social Sciences, including American Government, US History, and World History / Geography	3

2. The valedictorian or salutatorian must complete the requirements to receive an Advanced Diploma. To receive an advanced diploma evidencing graduation from high school, the following criteria must be met:

- Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year a pupil must pass the Nevada High School Proficiency Examination (HSPE) required by NRS 389.015
- Beginning with the 2016-17 school year a pupil must participate in all four End of Course exams and pass the aligned courses
- Beginning with the 2018-19 school year a pupil must pass each of the End of Course exams and meet the compensatory score.
- A pupil must have: Earned a minimum of 18 units of credit for required courses and 6 units of credit for elective courses for a total of at least 24 units of credit
- Maintained at least a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale, weighted or unweighted, for all units of credit applicable toward graduation.

The units of required courses for the Advanced Diploma must be earned in accordance with the following table:

**Advanced Diploma**

<b>Required Course</b>	<b>Minimum Number of Units</b>
American Government	1
American History	1
Arts and Humanities or Career and Technical Education	1
Social Studies	1
English, including reading, composition and writing	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
Physical Education	2
Health Education	½
Use of Computers	½
Required Course Total	18
Elective Courses	6
Total Credits	24

3. The valedictorian is the student with the highest overall G.P.A. computed to the 1000th decimal place and rounded to the 100th decimal place in all courses where credit given at the end of eight semesters in high school AND that meet the valedictorian course requirements.

4. The salutatorian is the student with the second highest overall G.P.A. computed to the 1000th decimal place and rounded to the 100th decimal place in all courses where credit is given at the end of eight semesters in the high school AND that meet the salutatorian course requirements.

5. In the event of a tie for valedictorian or salutatorian, the highest composite score from an eligible student’s ACT test will be used as the tie-breaker. If a tie remains, then more than one Valedictorian or Salutatorian will be selected. In the event of a tie for the valedictorian, there will be no salutatorian. There can be any number of valedictorians. There can be any number of salutatorians as long as there is only one valedictorian.

6. Student Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) is calculated and determined by the following grading scale:

<b>Letter Grade</b>	<b>Grade Point Average</b>
A	4.00
A-	3.70
B+	3.40
B	3.00
B-	2.70
C+	2.40
C	2.00
C-	1.70

D+	1.40
D	1.00
D-	0.70
F	0.00

7. These requirements allows students to become a millennium scholar, to become valedictorian or salutatorian, received an advanced diploma, and meet NV University Admission requirements.

8. Class ranking is determined by taking the overall G.P.A. of all students in a grade level and order them from highest G.P.A. to lowest with number 1 being the highest G.P.A. Then the valedictorian and salutatorian are chosen number one and number two by identifying the two students with the highest rank AND that meet the valedictorian and salutatorian course requirements. The valedictorian and salutatorian may not be the students with the highest overall G.P.A. Students ranked 3 through 10 must meet the minimum requirements for the Advanced Diploma to receive those rankings.