

# POLICY

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The Board of Education values excellence and wishes to inculcate in pupils the desire to do their best in all things.

The Board will recognize the outstanding achievements of pupils by means appropriate to the grade level of the pupil and to the nature of the accomplishment.

The Board will maintain membership in the National Honor Society and will follow the guidelines of that organization in selecting members from the pupils in this district.

A Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be designated at each formal graduation program. The Valedictorian shall be the student with the highest final grade point average in the graduating class. The Salutatorian shall be the student with the second highest final grade point average in the graduating class in accordance with Policy No. 5430.

Co-Valedictorians will be designated in the event of a tie for highest final grade point average. A tie for highest final grade point average will be declared when the final grade point averages of the top two students are less than 5/100 of a point apart. (Example: average of 3.92 and 3.96 would be declared a tie; averages of 3.92 and 3.98 would not be declared a tie.) In the event that Co-Valedictorians are designated, a Salutatorian will not be designated.

Co-Salutatorians will be designated in the event of a tie for second highest final grade point average. A tie for second highest final grade point average will be declared when the final grade point averages of the second and third students are less than 5/100 of a point apart. (See example above.)

Immediately following the close of the third marking period of the senior year; the high school administration and guidance department will submit to the Board the status report of top four students in the graduating class.

In designating the Valedictorian and Salutatorian, the final grade point average shall be based on eight semesters (4 years) of work. The final grade point average shall be based on all courses taken during the students eight semesters of work.



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Honors courses, which are weighed differently than regular courses, will also be included in the final grade point average.

If at the close of the fourth marking period of the senior year, the grade point averages indicate a tie and prior to the recipients being notified, data should be resubmitted to the Board for review.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations for the recognition of pupil achievement that establish fair standards for recognition, assure that all eligible pupils are offered an equal opportunity to meet those standards, and provide for appropriate recognition ceremonies and awards.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3  
N.J.A.C. 6:39-1.6

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