

SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY

Pikeville Independent Schools

Pikeville High School

Policy Type (Check One)

Council Operations

School Operations

POLICY TOPIC DESCRIPTION

JUNIOR HIGH GRADUATION AND AWARDS POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

The eighth grade valedictorian and salutatorian will be determined on the basis of grades received in both the seventh and eighth grades. All grades (first and second nine weeks, semester exams) will be tabulated by using numerical averages. Junior High grades will count as one whole grade. Grades cannot be changed after report cards have been distributed except when a student has received an "I" (Grade Incomplete) or a teacher has made an error in calculating a student's grade for a class. A student must be enrolled at PJHS both semesters their 8th grade year to be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian. Calculation for valedictorian and salutatorian will be based on 14 courses taken during the course of the school day their 7th and 8th grade year. (Credit by examination courses are not used in calculations.)

The student with the highest cumulative numerical average will be named valedictorian and the student with the second highest numerical average will be named salutatorian. Any other students who have earned a minimum cumulative 98 percent average for 7th and 8th grade combined will be honored as Distinguished Students.

Graduation Marshals-The top 10 7th graders by numeric average at the end of the 3rd 9 weeks will be honored and serve as the marshals for the 8th grade graduation.

Voluntary Hold-Backs

8th grade students who have submitted a hold-back declaration for the next school year, will participate in all 8th grade graduation activities and be eligible for any and all honors and awards.

8th grade students who are in their repeat year will be able to participate in graduation and activities, but not be eligible for any honors or awards that are exclusive including, but not limited to: class officer, valedictorian/salutatorian, court, academic class awards, etc. They may receive awards that are not exclusive such as: Distinguished Student, All A's, etc.

7th graders who are in a hold back year may serve as a graduation bonus marshal if their average falls within the range of the top 10 first time 7th graders.

Date of First Reading: April 22, 2013, June 10 2019, April 12, 2022

Date of Second Reading: April 29, 2013, July 8, 2019, April 19, 2022

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