

Baker School District 5J

Code: **IKC**
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Class Rankings

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.

Students must complete a Baker High School Honors diploma in order to be eligible for either valedictorian or salutatorian graduation honors. Specific criteria for a BHS Honors diploma is available in the BHS agenda or student handbook.

Additionally, the valedictorian and salutatorian will be selected according to the following procedure:

1. The valedictorian will be the student with the highest grade point average as computed at the end of seven semesters of high school work;
2. The salutatorian will be the student with the second highest grade point average as computed at the end of seven semesters of high school work;
3. In case of a tie for valedictorian, co-valedictorians will be honored;
4. In case of a tie for salutatorian, co-salutatorians will be honored;
5. Foreign exchange students will not be considered in computing class rank;
6. To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors, a student must be enrolled at Baker High School prior to and continuously following the 10th school day of the student's senior year;
7. Senior honor student designation will be awarded to the top ten percent of the students in the graduation class based strictly on cumulative GPA through seven semesters. Oregon honors diploma status is granted to graduating seniors who have obtained a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above through seven semesters.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

Shorb v. Grotting and Powers Sch. Dist., Case No. 00CV-0255 (Coos County Circuit Ct.) (2000).

Cross Reference(s):

IKFB - Graduation Exercises