

**Douglas County
School District 15**

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 superintendent or designee. All speeches must be reviewed and approved in advance by the superintendent 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, school rule or failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

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 (rounded to the hundreds);
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 (rounded to the hundreds);
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 and, therefore, will not be eligible for any academic honors;
6. To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors in the Douglas County School District 15, a student must be enrolled in the Douglas County School District 15 schools prior to and continuously following the beginning of the second semester of the student's junior year.

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