

## Valedictorian and Salutatorian Status

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 revoked for violation of Board policy, administrative regulation or school rule.

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

1. In order to be considered for the designation of valedictorian or salutatorian, a student must have received a letter grade in four classes that have been approved as Advanced Placement classes by the College Board. Any student being considered for valedictorian or salutatorian status must maintain full time status at GPHS by taking seven classes during 9th - 11th grade and a minimum of six classes during their senior year;
2. The four Advanced Placement classes may be selected by the student from the offerings at Grants Pass High School or may be transferred in from an accredited high school. There are no required Advanced Placement courses;
3. The valedictorian will be the student(s) who earn A's in all courses of study at the end of seven semesters of high school work. In the event there are no students with all A's, the valedictorian(s) will be awarded to the student with the highest weighted GPA and fewest number of B's;
4. The salutatorian will be the student(s) who receive the fewest number of B's in any course and have a weighted GPA over a 4.0 at the end of seven semesters of high school work. student with salutatorian status who has a weighted GPA higher than that of a valedictorian will be classified with valedictorian status;
5. In case of a tie for valedictorian, co-valedictorians will be honored;
6. In case of a tie for salutatorian, co-salutatorians will be honored;
7. Foreign exchange students will not be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian status;
8. To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors, a student must be enrolled at Grants Pass High School prior to and continuously following the 10th school day of the student's senior year;

9. This new procedure will begin with the class of 2020.

END OF POLICY

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**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

IKI - Academic Integrity