

## **Class Ranking**

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 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. The valedictorian will be the graduating student with the highest grade point average of students meeting all requirements as computed at the end of the 2nd trimester of the senior year;
2. The salutatorian will be the graduation student with the second highest grade point average of students meeting all requirements as computed at the end of the 2nd trimester of the senior year;
3. In case of a tie for valedictorian, covalledictorians will be honored;
4. In case of a tie for salutatorian, cosalutatorians will be honored;
5. District students who participate in foreign exchange programs will be considered in computing class rank and, therefore, will be eligible for any academic honors;
6. Foreign exchange students attending Burns High School will not be considered in computing class rank and, therefore, will not be eligible for any academic honors;
7. To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors, a student must:
  - a. Be enrolled at Burns High School by the first day of the first trimester of the student's junior year;
  - b. Be enrolled continuously through the end of the third trimester of the student's senior year;
  - c. Be enrolled in a full day's schedule for the entire school year;
  - d. Have earned at least 24 credits in graded courses;
  - e. Complete three credits of the required course areas and six half-credits or other qualifying factors of the electives listed below. Classes may not count as both a requirement and an elective.

## **Required Courses**

*(Select 1 credit in 3 areas: Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies)*

Advanced Math Topics (Pre-Calculus)

Chemistry, Physics or AP Biology

AP/Honors English 11 or 12

AP US History or AP Government

Other AP Course in Math, Science, Language Arts, or Social Studies

Other College-Level Course in Math, Science, Language Arts, or Social Studies approved by appropriate classroom teacher and administration.

## **Electives (select ½-credit or certification in at least 6 areas listed below)**

Advanced Math Topics (Pre-Calculus) A, B

Calculus A, B

Chemistry A, B

Physics A, B

AP Biology A, B

Honors English 11 A, B

Honors English 12 A, B

AP US History A, B

AP Government A, B

4th Year of a Foreign Language A, B

Advanced PE Independent Project

Psychology

A+ Certification (computers)

Network+ Certification (computers)

MOS Expert Certification (business)<sup>1</sup>

Honor Band<sup>2</sup> or State Solo Performance<sup>1</sup>

Honor Choir<sup>2</sup> or State Solo Performance<sup>1</sup>

ASE Certification (mechanics)

Juried art show or AP Art Portfolio<sup>1</sup>

Oregon FFA State Degree

Other AP Course

Other Online or College Course approved by appropriate classroom teacher and administration.

AP Chemistry

END OF POLICY

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<sup>1</sup>Counts as one no matter how many times selected or completed.

<sup>2</sup>Western International Honor Band; All-State Honor Band/Orchestra/Choir; All Northwest Band/Orchestra/Choir.

**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