

# Helix School District 1R

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/principal or designee. All speeches must be reviewed and approved in advance of baccalaureate by the building principal or designee. 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.

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

1. A student study team will determine valedictorian/salutatorian from those students who have achieved high honors with an accumulative GPA of 3.75;
2. If no class members have a GPA above 3.75, there will not be a valedictorian or salutatorian for that particular graduating class;
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. A student may have no more than four credits of "Passing" to be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian;
7. At least one elective credit (advanced course) is required for juniors and two for seniors;
8. Students must attend Griswold High School their complete sophomore through senior year to be eligible.

Seniors with High Honors (accumulative GPA of 3.75+) will graduate with honor cords. Seniors who have passed the science, math, reading and writing OAKS assessment tests will graduate with OAKS cords. Seniors who are members of the National Honor Society are recognized with white stoles.

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