

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 principal or designee. All speeches must be reviewed and approved in advance by the 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.

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

1. The valedictorian will be the honor diploma student¹ with the highest grade point average as computed at the end of seven semesters of high school work;
2. The salutatorian will be the honor diploma student¹ 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 in lieu of selecting a salutatorian;
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.

¹An **honors diploma student** is a student in grades 9 and 12 who will complete a minimum of 26 credits which include at least:

1. Three credits of mathematics;
2. Four credits of English;
3. Three credits of science;
4. Three credits of social sciences;
5. One credit in health education;
6. One credit in physical education;
7. Three credits in career and technical education, the arts or second language; and
8. Eight credits of electives.

Additional, an honor diploma student must:

1. Pass the state's Reading, Math, Writing and Science tests;
2. Maintain an accumulated GPA of 3.5 or above;
3. Score a minimum of 1500 on the SAT, 22 on the ACT or exceed all required OAKS benchmarks; and
4. Beginning with the class of 2014, must include one high school credit through an AP class, Dual Credit class, Expanded Options program or the International Baccalaureate program.

To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors, a student must be enrolled at McLoughlin High School prior to and continuously following the 10th school day of the student's senior 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