

## Class Rankings

In the interest of encouraging and recognizing outstanding academic achievement, Molalla High School selects honor graduates, a valedictorian and salutatorian, for each graduating class.

### Honor Graduates

The honor graduates will be selected according to the following procedures:

1. All seniors working toward a “standard diploma” will be ranked according to their grade point average as computed at the end of the 2nd trimester of the senior year of high school work;
2. Seniors with a grade point average of 3.5 and above shall be considered as honor graduates. Honor graduates shall be honored in the following manner:
  - a. Shall be allowed to wear honor cords during commencement exercise;
  - b. Shall have a special notation on the commencement exercise program;
  - c. Shall have a designation on their diploma denoting that they are an honor graduate;
3. The names of the top 10 percent of the senior class as determined by their class ranking shall be submitted to the Oregon State Scholarship Commission for recognition as Oregon scholars;
4. Foreign exchange students will not be considered in computing class rank, and therefore, will not be eligible for academic honors;
5. The district will also recognize those students who meet the presidential academic fitness award criteria.

### Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Molalla High School will recognize a class valedictorian and salutatorian. The following guidelines and requirements will guide the principal in his or her selection of the valedictorian and salutatorian:

1. The valedictorian will be the student with the highest grade point average at the end of the second trimester of their senior year.
2. The salutatorian will be the student with the second highest grade point average at the end of the second trimester of their senior year.
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. To be eligible for the valedictorian and salutatorian honors, students will have attended Molalla High School for their last two years.
6. To be eligible for the valedictorian and salutatorian honors, students will be on track to receive 26 or more academic or professional technical class credits.
7. To be eligible for the valedictorian and salutatorian honors, students will have exhibited good citizenship. Titles and privileges granted to students designated as valedictorian or salutatorian may be revoked for violation of Board policy, administrative regulation or school rule.

### **Grades Point Averages (GPA)**

Students' grade point average (GPA) will determine class rankings. The cumulative grade point average (GPA) is computed at the end of each trimester and is based on the trimester grades of all earned credit course work beginning with the ninth grade. The total number of grade points is divided by the total number credits earned. Each course grade, other than those courses that are weighted, shall be based on a numerical system as follows: A - 4 points, B - 3 points, C - 2 points, D - 1 point, F - 0 points

All students are encouraged to enroll and excel in the greatest number of rigorous courses possible. It is recommended that students confer with teachers, counselors, and parents as they plan their course of study. Weighted Grades are assigned to classes that are deemed to be advanced, performing at the college level. Grades earned in these classes will be weighted using the following numerical system: A - 5 points, B - 4 points, C - 3 points, D - 1 point, F - 0 points.

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