

## Valedictorian/Salutatorian Selection

In the interest of encouraging and recognizing outstanding academic achievements, a valedictorian and a salutatorian will be selected for each graduating class.

The district's valedictorian(s) and salutatorian(s) may be permitted to speak as part of the district's planned graduation program at the discretion of the superintendent 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(s) and salutatorian(s) will be selected based on ranking determined by the following process.

1. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) obtained through first seven semesters of high school work.
2. Additional points will be added (up to 2 points) or subtracted from the cumulative GPA based on the following:
  - a. One-quarter added points per semester class for course work completed (A or B grade) that includes Spanish 3-5 or other foreign language, pre-calculus, calculus, chemistry, advanced biology, humanities, physics and advanced placement classes.
  - b. One-half added points for successful (A or B grade) completion of one year of approved college courses work. College course grades will not be included in GPA.
  - c. One subtracted point per severe offense, as described in the *Pine Eagle High School Parent/Student Handbook*, committed in the semesters of the junior and senior year.

All additions and subtractions will be for ranking purposes only and will not appear on transcripts.

The valedictorian(s) will be the student(s) with the highest ranking as determined at the end of seven semesters of high school work.

The salutatorian(s) will be the student(s) with the second highest ranking as determined at the end of seven semesters of high school work.

In case of a tie for valedictorian, co-valedictorians will be honored.

In case of a tie for salutatorian, co-salutatorians will be honored.

Foreign exchange student from other countries will not be considered in computing rank and, therefore, will not be eligible for any academic honors.

To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors, a student must;

1. Be enrolled at Pine Eagle High School two years, one being the senior year, continuously following the 10th school day of the student's senior year.
2. Have met or exceeded all state standards as assessed through the statewide assessment or approved work sample.
3. Earned at least 50 percent of total credits for graduation in on-campus classes or district approved distance learning.

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).