

**Santiam Canyon
School District 129**

Code: **IKC**
Adopted: 4/05/01
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Orig. Code(s): IKC

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 building 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 denied 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 student with the highest grade point average as computed at the end of seven semesters of high school work;
2. The salutatorian will be the student 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;
4. In case of a tie for salutatorian, co-salutatorians will be honored;
5. Foreign exchange students will be enrolled as an 11th grade student, and therefore not considered for any academic honors pertaining to graduation;
6. To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors, a student must be enrolled at Santiam 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

IKI - Academic Integrity