

## 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 school principal or designee. All speeches must be reviewed and approved in advance by the principal or designee. Privileges granted to students designated as valedictorian or salutatorian may be 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 not be considered in computing class rank and, therefore, will not be eligible for any academic honors;
6. To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian honors, a student must qualify for an Honors Diploma with academic honor and be enrolled at Silverton High School prior to and continuously following the tenth school day of the student's senior year.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.179](#)

Shorb v. Grotting and Powers Sch. Dist., Case No. 00 CV-0255 (Coos County Circuit Ct.) (2000).