

## **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 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 be enrolled in South Umpqua High School prior to and continuously following the 10<sup>th</sup> school day of the student's senior year;
7. All students are encouraged to enroll and excel in the greatest number of rigorous courses possible. It is recommended that students confer with teachers, the counselor, and parents as they plan their course of study. The guidance office shall use a grade weighting system for advanced placement classes in calculating students' grade point average (G.P.A.) to determine class rankings. An earned A grade will count as a 5.0 on a 4.0 scale, a B would earn a 4.0 and a C would earn a 3.0. A D grade remains a 1.0 and an F is 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