

### **Class Rankings and Valedictorian/Salutatorian Selection**

The valedictorian honor will be based on the grade point average (GPA) of core classes and eight additional classes required for graduation. The core classes will include four math classes, four language arts classes, four science classes, three social studies classes and two foreign language classes. Honor classes will be scored on a weighted scale with weighted scores applied to Warrenton High School honor courses only.

The weighted scale will be as follows: A = 5 points, B = 4 points, C = 3 points, D = 1 point, F = 0 points.

Grade calculations will be made in a top down order to satisfy the core class requirements.

The following are the core classes by subject area for valedictorian calculations ((H) notes an honor class):

- Math:                   Calculus H, Pre-Calculus H, Algebra II H or Algebra II, Geometry, Algebra I, Algebra IB, Algebra IA
  
- Language Arts:      College Writing H, English IV, English III, English II, English I, Basic English
  
- Science:               Anatomy H, Zoology, Physics, Chemistry, Fisheries, Geology, Biology, Physical Science
  
- Social Studies:      Government/Econ, U.S. History, Global Studies (5 semester scores/see below)
  
- Foreign Language:   College Spanish H, Spanish II, Spanish I

Valedictorian calculations will be based on a weighted scale for Warrenton High School honor courses in 17 core classes plus 8 additional classes required for graduation. Calculations will be made on courses through the seventh semester.

1. If a student takes a high school class during middle school in mathematics, that grade will be used to calculate the core math calculation for valedictorian if needed to complete the four core math class requirement. The second semester score from middle school will count for the seventh semester score in the valedictorian calculations
  
2. The two highest foreign language classes taken will be used in the calculation for the foreign language requirement. In the event that a foreign language class is taken during the senior year, the second semester grade will be filled with the second semester score from the previous foreign language class for the valedictorian calculation.

3. Fisheries may only be counted one time as a science class in the valedictorian calculation. If multiple fisheries classes are taken, only the latest course recording will be used in the calculation.
4. Calculations for social studies require a score for Global Studies, U.S. History and Government/Economics. The valedictorian calculation is based on a five semester calculation which equals the three required classes. The five lowest semester scores will be used in the calculation.
5. Required classes will be made up of the remaining courses required by Warrenton High School for graduation with the basis of 22 credits (end of 7th semester) used in the calculation. For any elective credits, the calculation will be based on the electives with the lowest scores from the student's transcripts in the valedictorian calculation.
6. Pass/No Pass grades in elective classes will only be used in the calculation if they are needed to fill the 22 credit requirement for calculation. A passing score for this calculation will be considered a C for the calculation for valedictorian. This does not apply to the class rank calculation. In the class rank calculation a Pass/No Pass is not considered in the GPA calculation.