

HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Board Policy

It is the desire of the Shelley Joint School District No. 60 Board of Trustees and the High School Staff to honor students who have succeeded academically in an outstanding manner. This shall be accomplished by the Principal nominating and announcing school honor students for the position of Valedictorian and/or Salutatorian using criteria, which appropriately define such success.

Qualifications that must be met before a student can be a candidate for Valedictorian or Salutatorian are as follows:

1. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian shall meet Shelley High School graduation requirements.
2. The student's American College Test (ACT) score must be 25 or higher.
3. The student must have been enrolled in Shelley High School the entire senior year (internships included as enrolled in Shelley High School).
4. Any student who has disciplinary action taken against him or her of a Level 4 or greater as outlined in District policy 502.10 will be disqualified from Valedictorian/Salutatorian status.
5. The Valedictorian/Salutatorian shall have at least a 4.0 Grade Point Average (GPA).
 - a. A student's GPA will be determined by compiling the student's non-Advanced Placement grades through 7.5 semesters, starting with the first semester of ninth grade and using the following grading system and rounded to the nearest tenth.

A+	4.0	B+	3.3	C+	2.3	D+	1.3	F	0
A	4.0	B	3.0	C	2.0	D	1.0		
A-	3.7	B-	2.7	C-	1.7	D-	0.7		

- 5.1 For Valedictorian/Salutatorian purposes, the GPA will then be multiplied by a leveling factor of 50.
- 5.2 For each AP class, the following will be added to the leveled GPA. The following formula applies for each semester of AP class taken.

A+	2.5	B+	2.15	C+	1.65	D+	1.15	F	0
A	2.5	B	2.0	C	1.5	D	1.0		
A-	2.35	B-	1.85	C-	1.35	D-	0.85		

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- 5.3 The calculated number from 5.1 plus the AP points earned (5.2) will then be divided by the leveling factor of 50 plus the number of AP classes taken which will determine the students adjusted GPA.
- b. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be determined at the end of the 7.5 semesters with all final third term grades included and calculated.

Implementation Guidelines

1. Using the aforementioned requirements, the top 10% of students with the highest adjusted GPA will be given the opportunity to verify their grades and AP classes taken and completed. Then the adjusted GPA will be verified by three administrators and/or councilors appointed by the High School Principal.
 - a. The student with the highest adjusted GPA shall be appointed Valedictorian.
 - b. The student with the second highest adjusted GPA shall be appointed Salutatorian.
 - c. Students with equal adjusted GPA's will be given equal status.
 - d. In the event that no student scores at least a 25 on the ACT test, guideline 5.a. listed above shall apply to those who meet the 4.0 GPA criteria.
 - e. If more than one Valedictorian or Salutatorian is appointed, the individual who will speak at graduation will be chosen by a silent ballot among those in contention for the position. If such ballot results in a tie, a panel of five (5) teachers appointed by the Principal will cast silent ballots to determine the speaker.

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