

VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN SELECTION POLICY

Identifying and honoring the graduates with the highest grade point averages (GPA) at the conclusion of each school year is an important public school tradition and is so recognized by the Wheatland Union High School District.

The graduating senior with the highest GPA as determined by the criteria set forth below will be the Class Valedictorian. The graduating senior with the second-highest GPA will be the Class Salutatorian.

The procedure for identifying these graduates is described in this policy and is intended to provide the structure for the selection process.

The following requirements are the criteria to be observed in determining these graduates:

1. The GPA will be computed at the end of the third grading period of the senior year;
2. The GPA computed for this purpose will include all subjects taken at Wheatland High School except physical education, ROTC and any class for which a Pass or Fail is the grading standard;
3. To be considered for these honors, a graduate must have enrolled in Wheatland High School by the end of the first quarter of the senior year or have been enrolled at Wheatland High School for two or more semesters previously;
4. In computing the GPA for transfer students, physical education, ROTC and courses for which a Pass or Fail was earned are excluded;
5. Wheatland High School Honors English classes and Advanced Placement classes will be weighted as follows: A = 5 grade points, B = 4 grade points, etc.
6. The only transfer courses that will be similarly weighted are a junior- or senior-level Honors English class or Advanced Placement classes.

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