

## POLICY DRAFT

**In addition to adding EOC text to this policy, I also recommend taking this opportunity to revise the district's policy regarding class rank. We recently updated our model text for the provisions and organization of class rank policies. The attached draft only includes the language indicated on the submitted worksheet. Since we have to revise this policy for EOC purposes, I'd like to take this opportunity to discuss and update the policy to ensure it still matches District practice. Please contact me if this is something you'd like to pursue.**

Each District high school shall have a valedictorian and a salutatorian. Candidates for the honor of valedictorian and salutatorian must be in attendance at the awarding high school for the entire school year in which the honor is bestowed, reasonable and ordinary absences excepted. Each candidate must be classified as a senior during both the fall and spring semesters of the graduating and awarding year. Alternatively, students who will not be classified as seniors during both the fall and spring semesters of the graduating and awarding year may become eligible for the honor of valedictorian and salutatorian by filing a written declaration of intent to graduate, with the building principal, on or before the tenth day of school.

Calculation and determination of the valedictorian and salutatorian shall be based upon the highest and next highest grade point average, respectively, as of the close of school, seven days before the last regular day of attendance for seniors. In the event of ties, there shall be multiple valedictorians and multiple salutatorians. The method by which the grade point average will be calculated shall be the same for all candidates. The grade point average of candidates with grade 9 entry dates subsequent to those candidates who are graduating in four years (i.e., eight semesters) shall be calculated and determined based upon the same criteria, classes, and basis as those graduating in four years (i.e., eight semesters).

Class rank shall be determined based on the highest grades and grade points in four courses in language arts and social studies, four courses in science, which must include one each in Biology or Environmental Science, Chemistry, and Physics, four courses in mathematics, and two courses in foreign language. **The District shall include only initial scores from end-of-course (EOC) assessment in class rank calculations. If a student retakes an EOC assessment, the retake score will not affect class rank.**

For the graduating class of 2000–01 only, the social studies requirement shall be reduced from the highest four courses to the highest three courses. The Superintendent or designee shall de-

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Develop the appropriate administrative regulations for class rank determination, which shall include a list of the approved courses eligible for use.

A senior must carry at least six classes each semester to be eligible for honors. Any exception must be approved by the administration, (e.g., students on homebound instruction, students concurrently enrolled in a university).