

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN SELECTION

When selecting a valedictorian and salutarian the student's school Cumulative GPA and ACT composite score will be used. Selection will be determined as follows:

1. All grades in all classes for all 8 semesters will be averaged to determine a cumulative GPA for students. All classes will be weighted equally (Hathaway GPA will not be a determining factor). For the 2019-2020 school year the GPA will be based on 7 semesters due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The GPA score will be multiplied by 9 to convert it to a raw GPA score, which can be compared to the ACT composite score.
3. The raw GPA score will be multiplied by 80%.
4. The student's ACT composite score will be multiplied by 20%.
5. These two scores will be added together to determine the valedictorian and salutarian for the graduating class.
6. The candidate with the highest score will be named valedictorian and the candidate with the second highest score will be named salutarian. Ties are allowed, but when there are two or more valedictorians, there will be no salutarian.
7. Upon completion of all graduation requirements, selections will be announced, but students in contention will be apprised of their status at the end of the 7th semester and the end of the 3rd quarter of their senior year.
8. This system is in place only for the selection of valedictorian and salutarian and does not affect class rank, which is solely determined by GPA.

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