

VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN, HONOR GRADUATES

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The grades earned in all core courses from the ninth (9th) grade through 1st semester of the (12th) twelfth grade are used for determining valedictorian, salutatorian, and honor students. GPA calculations of senior candidates for valedictorian, salutatorian, and honor graduates shall be calculated to the second decimals place. (See Policy 5.22 Class Rankings and Weighted Credit.) The following criteria shall be used in determining valedictorian, salutatorian, and honor graduates at each Henry County high school:

1. Valedictorian, salutatorian, and honor graduates shall be selected from students pursuing the highest available diploma endorsement.
2. The student with the highest numerical grade average will be valedictorian.
3. The student with the second highest numerical grade average will be salutatorian.
4. In case of a tie, there will be a co-valedictorians or co-salutatorians. Numerical grade averages which have a differential of .25 or less will be considered a tie.
5. Honor graduates are those students who maintain an overall GPA is 4.0 or above in grades 9-12 in all core courses and who are graduating with an Advanced Diploma.
6. Core course credits/grades in the following subjects shall be used when calculating numerical grade averages for the selection of valedictorian and salutatorian:

- 4 English credits
- 4 Social Studies credits
- 3 math credits including Algebra II with Trigonometry
- 3 science credits

Core course credits/grades in the following subjects shall be used when calculating grade point averages (GPA) for the selection of honor graduates:

- 4 English credits
- 4 Social Studies credits
- 3 math credits including Algebra II with Trigonometry
- 3 science credits

7. A transfer student must have transferred in by his/her junior year to be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian unless the transfer was a result of a move into the school's

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attendance zone by the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student. When the student transfers due to a bona fide move of the parent/guardian, the transfer student could share the honor with the non-transfer valedictorian or salutatorian. Honor graduates may be students who transfer in at any time.

8. Grade point averages shall be computed at the end of the 1st semester of the senior year. Calculations shall be done immediately after grades are posted to the grade sheets. Grade point average (GPA) and numerical averages shall be expressed in numbers calculated to the second decimal place.

REFERENCES:

CODE OF ALABAMA

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