
Instruction

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Awards and Honors

The designation of a valedictorian and salutatorian is intended by the Board of Education to encourage and recognize student achievement. In so doing, it is not the intent of the Board to create a property interest or right of entitlement to any particular recognition at any particular time.

The Board of Education recognizes the senior class member with a weighted cumulative GPA of 4.0 or above as graduating with Distinction.

Valedictorians, Salutatorians and graduates with honors shall be announced by the High School Principal after all grades have been posted and confirmed at the conclusion of the student(s) senior year (8 semesters).

Valedictorians(s) named shall be the senior class member with the highest weighted cumulative GPA. In the event of a tie there will be co-valedictorians named.

Salutatorians(s) named shall be the senior class member with the second highest weighted cumulative GPA. In the event of a tie, there will be co-salutatorians named.

To be eligible, a graduate with honors, a valedictorian or salutatorian candidate may not have been guilty of cheating or intentional dishonesty with regards to academics while a student at Somonauk High School. Behavior that would make a candidate ineligible for these honors includes, but is not limited to, turning in a paper that is not one's own work, cheating on a test or homework assignment, changing an earned grade on an assignment or in the computer, and/or completing an assignment for another student. Academic misconduct shall cause a student to be ineligible for all awards and accolades related to valedictorian and salutatorian including, but not limited to, graduation speeches, press releases, and program announcements.

Students transferring from a non-accredited program must have earned a minimum of fifteen (15) credits while attending classes at Somonauk High School to be considered eligible to be named the valedictorian or salutatorian.

Students approved for Early Graduation (3.5 years) are not eligible to be named valedictorian or salutatorian.

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