Each high school senior, upon receiving a diploma, will be ranked in his or her class. Class ranking shall be determined by the final grade point average in all subjects counted as diploma units.

(Un-weighted grade point average) all classes are equal using a 4.0 grading scale.
(Weighted grade point average) honors courses receive an additional 0.5 credit per course on a 4.0 grading scale. College transfer courses and AP course receive an additional 1.0 credit per course on a 4.0 grading scale.

Section A:

Valedictorian/Salutatorian:

The valedictorian shall be the senior with the highest weighted grade point average during the student's freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years (this is determined by averaging all grades in all subjects to be counted as diploma units). The salutatorian shall be the senior student with the second highest grade point average using the same determination. Grades will be calculated at the end of the final grading period of the senior year. In order to be considered for this honor, students must be in attendance at the same high school their junior and senior year. In the event that there is a tie for valedictorian and salutatorian, the use of an academic based rubric will be used to break all ties. (See attached rubric)

Section B:

Latin Honors designation based on weighted grade point average:

Martin County high schools will designate all graduating seniors, who meet the weighted academic grade point average, with Latin Honors as detailed below.

1. Students with a 3.75 - 3.99 weighted grade point average shall receive the distinction of (cum laude).
2. Students with a 4.0 - 4.249 weighted grade point average shall receive the distinction of (magna cum laude).
3. Students with a 4.25 or higher weighted grade point average shall receive the distinction of (summa cum laude).
4. The administrative procedure set forth in Section B shall govern all students entering the ninth grade for the first time in 2014-2015 and each year thereafter.

The administrative procedures set forth in Section A shall govern all Martin County graduating high school students.

The administrative procedures set forth in Sections A **and** B shall govern all Martin County students entering the ninth grade for the first time in 2015-2016 and each year thereafter.

ADOPTED: December 5, 2016

Martin County Schools
Valedictorian / Salutatorian

Rubric

Category Name	Point Value	Total Points
# of Honors Courses	.5 point per course	
# of College Transfer Courses	1 point per course	
# of AP / IB Courses	1 point per course	
Cum Laude	1 point	
Magna Cum Laude	2 points	
Summa Cum Laude	3 points	
EOC Level IV	1 point each	
EOC Level V	2 points each	
ACT (17-20)	1 point	
ACT (21-24)	2 points	
ACT (25-28)	3 points	
ACT (29-32)	4 points	
ACT (33-36)	5 points	
SAT (1000-1099)	1 point	
SAT (1100-1199)	2 points	
SAT (1200-1299)	3 points	
SAT (1300-1399)	4 points	
SAT (1400-1499)	5 points	
SAT (1500-1600)	6 points	
Work Keys Silver	1 point	
Work Keys Gold	2 points	
Work Keys Platinum	3 points	
		Grand Total:

Martin County Schools
Valedictorian and Salutatorian Rubric

Must meet the standard for College Readiness according to the UNC Board of Governor's minimum course requirements.

Must have completed two years in Martin County Schools to be eligible for Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Courses:

H.S. Honors courses =.5 point

College Transfer Courses = 1 point

AP / IB Course = 1 point

GPA:

3.75-3.99	Cum Laude= 1 point	
4.0-4.249	Magna Cum Laude = 2 points	
4.25 -Up	Summa Cum Laude = 3 points	

EOC: (Required)

Level IV = 1 point

Level V = 2 points

SAT: (Required)

1000 -1099 = 1 point

1100 -1199 = 2 points

1200 -1299 = 3 points

1300 -1399 = 4 points

1400 -1499 = 5 points

1500 -1600 = 6 points

Work Keys:

Silver = 1 point

Gold = 2 points

Platinum = 3 points

ACT (Required)

17-20=1 point

21-24=2 points

25-28= 3 points

29-32= 4 points

33–36= 5 points

** This Rubric will only be used when a clear Valedictorian and Salutatorian cannot be determined due to GPA Ties.