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The Board of Education values excellence and wishes to inculcate in pupils the desire to do their best in all things.

The Board will recognize the outstanding achievements of pupils by means appropriate to the grade level of the pupil and to the nature of the accomplishment.

The Board will maintain membership in the National Honor Society and will follow the guidelines of that organization in selecting members from the pupils in this district.

In each high school graduating class, the pupils who have earned a grade point average of at least a 4.0 shall be considered for class valedictorian and salutatorian. The pupil with the highest class rank using 4.0 as a baseline shall be named valedictorian and the pupil who has earned the next highest class rank shall be named salutatorian provided that any pupil so named shall have been enrolled in this district for at least three years immediately prior to high school graduation.

Grade point average shall be determined in accordance with Policy No. 5430 and shall, for the purpose of this recognition, be calculated at the end of each year.

In the event the highest or next highest grade point average has been earned by two or more pupils, both or all pupils who have tied for first or second place shall be named co-valedictorian or co-salutatorian, as the case may be.

Valedictorian and salutatorian will be selected at the end of the second marking period of the senior year.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations for the recognition of pupil achievement that establish fair standards for recognition, assure that all eligible pupils are offered an equal opportunity to meet those standards, and provide for appropriate recognition ceremonies and awards.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3
N.J.A.C. 6:39-1.6



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