

Senior Class Rank/Valedictorian and Salutatorian Selection

The Skyline staff and community recognize that when students enroll in International Baccalaureate (IB) classes, they are making informed choices and are navigating a rigorous course of study. These students will be recognized for their exceptional academic effort through a weighted class ranking system that reflects this added rigor. The IB weighted ranking will begin with the Class of '09.

As part of the academic honors process and the process for college enrollment all students within the twelfth grade are ranked after October 1st according to their weighted cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) beginning the fall of their senior year. Students have the option to select a weighted or unweighted rank when applying for colleges, while the transcript will reflect the state standardized grade point average (G.P.A.). The valedictorian is the graduating student or students with the highest academic ranking according to their weighted grade point average (G.P.A.). Thus, the salutatorian is the student or students next in academic ranking according to the weighted cumulative grade point average.

Students earn valedictorian and salutatorian honors based upon the following criteria:

- 1) Valedictorians are ranked first in their graduating class based upon their weighted cumulative grade point average after the final grade check in fourth quarter of the senior year. Valedictorian and Salutatorian status are announced after the final mid-quarter grade check.
- 2) Valedictorian and Salutatorians candidates must earn a letter grade in all coursework for which a letter grade (A, B, C, D, and F) is an option throughout their high school program and complete all graduation requirements. For example, a pass/fail, satisfactory/unsatisfactory, etc. will disqualify a candidate from becoming class valedictorian or salutatorian if a letter grade option was available.
- 3) Students eligible for Valedictorian or Salutatorian honors must attend and earn semester credit at Skyline High School or from a high school program defined as valid by the Issaquah School District during the last four consecutive semesters prior to graduation. High school programs are defined to include all accredited educational programs for which high school credit is granted with a grade. This includes Running Start, college enrichment, summer school, NEVAC, and courses offered in the middle school for high school credit.
- 4) Students considered for Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors must attend school full time. Enrollment in a senior waiver or as a teacher's assistant will disqualify a candidate for Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors and recognition.
- 5) Students choosing to graduate early are welcome to participate in Skyline's commencement exercises. However, while they will be ranked with their classmates, they are ineligible to receive academic honors from Skyline High School.

