

POLICY 5610
VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN, WISCONSIN
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

For a student to receive valedictorian, salutatorian and/or Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship recognition, the following apply:

1. The valedictorian and salutatorian must be students enrolled in the 12th grade and who graduates with their cohort class.
2. The student must have attended the school from which they are graduating from for at least four consecutive semesters or eight consecutive quarters immediately preceding the determination of the class valedictorian and salutatorian. Therefore, any student who transfers into the High School after the first semester (January) of the sophomore year will not be eligible to be valedictorian and salutatorian. The Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship recipient(s) must have attended one semester (ending on January of the senior year) to be eligible.
3. The valedictorian must have earned the highest grade point average their graduating class based on the school's consistent use of either a weighted or unweighted scale. The salutatorian must have earned the second highest grade point average in his/her graduating class. The Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship recipient(s) must have earned the highest grade point average in their graduating class (one for every 500 students enrolled in the high school). The grade point average shall be determined by grades received in all classes taken through the first seven semesters or fourteen quarters of high school attendance. The grade point average is calculated to the third place beyond the decimal point.
4. To be considered for valedictorian, salutatorian, and/or Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship recipient(s), students must complete all regular level required courses by the end of the seventh semester and must graduate with their cohort class. All KUSD graduation requirement policies must be followed and all grade transcripts accepted and verified by the high school principal and guidance counselor.
5. In the event that a student needs to be exempted from any regular level required course(s), the principal will convene a review committee prior to the end of the seventh semester to determine how the exempted student's grade point average will be calculated.

In case of a tie for valedictorian or salutatorian, co-valedictorians and/or co-salutatorians will be recognized. Valedictorian(s) will be ranked as one, salutatorian(s) will be ranked as a number equal to the number of co-valedictorian(s) plus one. In case of a tie for the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship, the recipient(s) shall be determined in accordance with tie-breaking procedures established at each high school.

KUSD high schools use both weighted and un-weighted grade scales shown on each student's transcript. Each high school shall consistently use either a weighted or unweighted scale to determine valedictorian, salutatorian, Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholars, and other academic awards. Other scholarship applications may indicate use of either weighted or unweighted reporting.

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LEGAL REF.: Wisconsin Statutes
Sections 39.41 [Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship]
118.13 [Student nondiscrimination]

Wisconsin Administrative Code
HEA 9 [Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship rules]

CROSS REF.: 5110, Equal Educational Opportunity/Student Discrimination Complaint
5240, Accommodations of Private School and Home-Based Private Educational
Program Students
5117, Reporting to Parent/Guardian
6456, Graduation Requirements

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS: None

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