STUDENT PERSONNEL Series 500 Policy

Policy Title: VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN SELECTION

Code: 504.4

The valedictorian and salutatorian will be selected by the Board of Trustees annually. The valedictorian and salutatorian are chosen by class ranking as determined by grade point average over the first seven semesters of high school. Students must be enrolled with a full time schedule of seven hours all eight semesters of high school.

The High School Principal will submit recommendations for valedictorian and salutatorian to the Superintendent with transcript data for review and approval prior to communicating with students and their families. Upon approval, the superintendent will submit nominees to the Board of Trustees for final approval. All nominations are pending board approval and should not be communicated as final until approved by the Board of Trustees.

Whenever possible the High School Principal will invite nominated students to the meeting of approval to be recognized and celebrated by the Board of Trustees.

Early Graduates:

Students qualifying for early graduation with a grade point average eligible for either honor may be nominated as a co-valedictorian or co-salutatorian. An early graduate does not supersede awards provided to traditional graduates enrolled with a full time schedule of seven hours all eight semesters of high school, yet may still qualify for co-valedictorian or co-salutatorian. Early graduates must meet the State-required credits for graduation.

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