

5440 HONORING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

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. Members are chosen for scholarship, leadership, character and service by a faculty committee in the fourth quarter of the junior and second quarter of the senior year. The Superintendent shall direct development of honors level courses in those areas of study which he/she, in consultation with the administration and the instructional staff, deems most appropriate.

Evidence of mastery and standards of achievement shall be developed for these courses as for any other. Course outline and materials are to be prepared and selected in compliance with law.

As with all other courses, Board adoption is necessary before implementation can take place.

In each high school graduating class, the pupil who has earned the highest grade point average shall be named valedictorian and the pupil who has earned the next highest grade point average shall be named salutatorian.

If a tie occurs for Valedictorian (two or more pupils having the same GPA up to and including the fourth decimal point), these pupils are designated Co-Valedictorians and no Salutatorian is selected.

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

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.

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