

Valedictorian/Salutatorian
Selection Criteria
Effective for the class of 2009 and following

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are selected each year from the graduating class. The Valedictorian ranks first in scholarship and is considered the top student of his/her class; the salutatorian ranks second in scholarship and is considered the second highest student in his/her class. Criteria are based primarily on cumulative GPA, but the number of advanced classes and scores on ACT tests are also considered at the end of the 3rd quarter of the senior year. Thus, more than one student may qualify for the valedictorian and salutatorian distinctions. Candidates must attend classes at LHS during at least three semesters of their junior and senior years.

The following point system will be used to determine valedictorian/salutatorian:

1. Cumulative GPA shall be determined at the end of the 1st semester of the senior year. The top ten seniors shall be ranked by GPA and given the following point values. 1st: 30 points; 2nd: 27 points; 3rd: 24 points; 4th: 21 points; 5th: 18 points; 6th: 15 points; 7th: 12 points; 8th: 9 points; 9th: 6 points; and 10th: 3 points (60%).
2. The number of advanced classes taken by the top ten GPA seniors shall be determined at the end of the 3rd quarter of the senior year. **(AP Lit, AP Calculus, AP U.S. History, AP Physics, Pre-Calculus, Anatomy & Physiology, Advanced Art & Design, 4th year of Spanish, 4th year of German, Distance Learning, 4th year Band, 4th year Konzertchor).** The following point values will be awarded: 1st: 10 points; 2nd: 9 points; 3rd: 8 points; 4th: 7 points; 5th: 6 points; 6th: 5 points; 7th: 4 points; 8th: 3 points; 9th: 2 points; 10th: 1 point (20%).
3. The top score on the ACT tests earned by the top ten GPA seniors shall be determined at the end of the 3rd quarter of the senior year. The following point values will be awarded: 1st: 10 points; 2nd: 9 points; 3rd: 8 points; 4th: 7 points; 5th: 6 points; 6th: 5 points; 7th: 4 points; 8th: 3 points; 9th: 2 points; 10th: 1 point (20%).
4. The point totals from the above three categories will be used to determine Valedictorian and Salutatorian. The Principal/Academic Guidance Counselor will meet with the qualifying students after the 3rd quarter of their senior year to inform them of their honor and to begin preparing for graduation.