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214 Class Rank

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Purpose

The Board no longer acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing class rank for secondary school students.

Authority

However, for institutions of higher education requiring class rank, the Board authorizes that it shall be computed by the final grade in all subjects for which credit is awarded. For purposes of determining class rank, grade point averages will be computed using weighted and non-weighted grades. Class rank shall not be published but will be shared only when required by an authorized recipient and requested in accordance with district procedures.

Guidelines

Any two or more students whose computed grade point averages are identical shall be given the same rank. The rank of the student who immediately follows a tied position will be determined by the number of students preceding and not by the rank of the person preceding him/her.

The first position student in the class shall be recognized as the valedictorian and the second position student in the class as salutatorian. Students with identical grade point averages may share the first and second positions being recognized as co-valedictorian or co-salutatorian, as appropriate. The valedictorian and salutatorian shall be recognized at the graduation ceremonies at their respective high schools.

It shall be the responsibility of each high school principal to select student speakers for the graduation ceremony through an audition process. Each high school shall establish a graduation speaker selection panel comprised of professional staff and students for the express purpose of selecting two student speakers for graduation. Students wishing to speak are to submit written speeches and audition before the graduation speaker selection panel.

The high school panels will develop a common rubric to be used for the selection of the speakers. Recommendation for speakers made by the panel shall be final, subject to principal review for compliance with Board policy, law and graduation procedures.