

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Students in the District shall be informed by the guidance office of any available scholarships. Literature concerning available scholarships shall be posted in the school building. The guidance counselor shall maintain records of available scholarships and shall notify students of such scholarship opportunities.

Honors, awards and scholarships will be based on seven semesters (5 semesters-if graduating in 3 years) of performance/grade point average at the high school level.

The District shall not discriminate in the acceptance and administration of gifts, bequests, scholarships and other aids, benefits or services to students from private agencies, organizations or persons on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, handicap or zip code. Discrimination complaints shall be process in accordance with established procedures.

### Procedure

1. The Guidance Department disseminates information about scholarships through appropriate means, which may include announcements, postings, websites and newsletters.
2. **Valedictorian & Salutatorian** - The student with the highest cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) rounded to the third decimal point at the end of the seventh semester (5 semesters-if graduating in 3 years) will be selected as the class valedictorian. The student with the second highest GPA will be selected as the salutatorian.

In cases where two or more students are tied with the highest GPA, both or all of these students will be designated as co-valedictorians and the student(s) with the next best GPA will be designated as the salutatorian(s).

If there is only one valedictorian, and two or more students are tied with the second highest GPA, both or all of these students will be designated as co-salutatorians.

The GPA will be rounded to the third decimal point to determine the awards.

In all situations, there will be no less than one student selected as valedictorian and one as salutatorian.

If there is a tie for the top GPA, the top student *after implementing the tie-breaker guidelines found under #4 in the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship policy* will give the valedictorian speech and the second student *as identified by the tie-breaker guidelines* will also give a speech. There will be no salutatorian speech in this situation. If there are more than two students with the top GPA, the third student *as identified by the tie-breaker guidelines* would be the salutatorian but no speech would be given by this individual. If there is only one student with the top GPA, that student would give the valedictorian speech and the student with the second highest GPA would give the salutatorian speech. With only one student with the top GPA, if there is more than one student tied for the second highest GPA, *the tie-breaker rules would be followed* to determine which student would be the salutatorian and would give the salutatorian speech.

3. **Local Scholarships** - Several local groups and individuals have established local scholarships for graduates of Parkview High School. The local sponsor sets the criteria within the school's guidelines. The scholarship application is given to students intending to graduate during that school year. Criteria used in selecting recipients may include class rank, intended major, extracurricular activities, evidence of leadership and good citizenship. The Parkview Site Team will review all applications and select the winners. Late applications will not be considered.
  
4. **Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship** – This is a scholarship offered by the State of Wisconsin to talented students in the state to encourage the students to stay in Wisconsin for their postsecondary education. The number of scholarships awarded to each high school is determined by student population size. The criteria used to select the District's Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship designee(s) is/are outlined in policy 461 – Wisconsin Higher Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship.

Legal Ref.: 39.41 & 118.13 - Wisconsin Statutes  
PI 9.03(1) - Wisconsin Administrative Code HEA 9

Cross Ref.: 345.1 - Grading Systems  
345.62 - Graduation Ceremony  
411-Rule - Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures  
420 - School Admissions  
461 - Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship  
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