

Regulation 5127: Graduation Ceremonies And Activities

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The title of "Valedictorian" shall be awarded to the graduating senior with the highest total G.P.A. of all students in the graduating class. The "Salutatorian" shall be the student with the 2nd highest total G.P.A.

These honors shall be reserved for those students who have attended Bishop Union High School for at least all of their junior and senior years. Transfers with Honors, AP, or Dual Enrollment classes will be credited with extra grade points only for those classes with similar designations offered at district.

1. Determination of the top students shall be based on the following:

- a. Must rank in the top 5% of the class on cumulative weighted total G.P.A. (grades 9-12, all courses taken included in this calculation).
- b. Final calculations will be based on a total of 250 units, including projected grades for the eight semester (2 weeks before graduation). Weighted total G.P.A., rounded to the nearest hundredth, shall be used for the calculation. Weighted courses (Honors, AP, and/or Dual Enrollment) are calculated on a 5 point scale. Other courses are based on a 4 point scale.
- c. If a student projects more than 250 units, he/she may opt to exclude from the calculation excess courses that are not required for graduation. (Example: English 10, U.S. History, the 20 units of P.E. required for graduation, etc., may not be excluded. Electives and P.E. beyond the established graduation requirements could be eliminated.) Students wishing to opt out of any excess courses must do so at least 2 weeks before graduation.
- d. If a tie exists, the students shall be recognized as co-valedictorians (or co-salutatorians, if tied for second).

2. The valedictorian:

- a. Shall represent the school in the community.
- b. Shall receive recognition at the senior awards and the graduation ceremony.
- c. May be eligible for special scholarships from colleges, universities, and other agencies.

This regulation will be effective with the Class of 2024.
