

# HORTONVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Title:** Valedictorian/Salutatorian  
Nomination and Wisconsin  
Academic Excellence Scholarship

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## **Policy Statement:**

It shall be the policy of the Hortonville Area School District to have criteria for determination of the High School Valedictorian, Salutatorian and a selection process for the State of Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship.

The Hortonville Area School District does not discriminate against pupils 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 or handicap in its education programs or activities.

## **Rationale:**

The State of Wisconsin requires that all school districts have on file a selection process for the Wisconsin Academic Higher Education Scholarship. Because of the need to accurately and fairly determine the top two students in each graduating class, this policy outlines the criteria for this selection.

**Scope:** Hortonville High School (Beginning with the Freshman enrolling September, 2004)

**Responsibility:** Hortonville High School Principal with the assistance of from the High School Guidance Department

## **Implementation:**

1. A student must have Senior status to be considered in the selection process. A student achieves Senior status upon completion of six semesters at the high school level.
2. Valedictorian/Salutatorian Selection
  - A. The Valedictorian(s) and Salutatorian(s) shall be the students who have the highest grade point average respectively at the end of seven high school semesters enrolled at Hortonville High School as a student on the high school campus according to the following guidelines:
    1. A student is eligible for Valedictorian/Salutatorian only if he/she has been in attendance at Hortonville High School on or before the first day of the second semester of the junior year, and for three consecutive semesters before graduating.
    2. Grade point average shall be determined by all semester grades in all courses that are accepted for credit by the Hortonville Area School District as determined by the High School Principal
    3. All accepted courses/grades will be weighted equally.
    4. No grade from any course taken on a pass/fail basis will be considered in determining grade point average.
    5. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian shall be the individuals with the highest grade point averages respectively based on the above criteria.

President \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/14/05

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/14/05

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2. State of Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship Selection
  - A. The Hortonville Area School District Board of Education shall annually name the top three students in each graduating class who have the highest grade point average at the end of seven semesters of high school enrollment based on the criteria used to determine Valedictorian/Salutatorian. These students are then eligible for Academic Higher Education Scholarships. If a GPA (grade point average) tie occurs in the following criteria will be used in the following order to break the tie:
    1. The eligible students must show evidence of application to a participating Wisconsin institution by the beginning day of the eighth semester.
    2. If a tie still exists, the student(s) with the highest and second highest composite ACT score available as of the beginning date of the semester will be the nominee(s).
    3. If a tie still exists, the greatest number of Advanced Placement classes taken and passed will be used to determine the nominee(s).
    4. If a tie still exists, the two students with the greatest number of credits earned through seven semesters will be the nominee(s).
    5. If a tie still exists, tied students will be ranked according to the most school recognized sports, clubs or organizations they actively participated in through seven semesters of high school (a unit of participation means involvement for a complete season of an activity).
    6. If a tie still exists, the Board of Education President or his/her designee draws a name(s).
  - B. The State of Wisconsin at any time can increase or decrease the number of scholarships available to students from Hortonville High School. This procedure does not imply that any student intended solely to determine the names that will be forwarded to the State of Wisconsin for scholarship eligibility.

**Associated Information:**

Legal Reference: Wisconsin State Statutes 39.41  
Wisconsin State Statutes 118.13  
PI 9.03 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code  
Cross Reference: Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures