

# Hortonville Area School District

**Title:** Criteria for High School  
Valedictorian and Salutatorian  
and Selection Process for State of  
Wisconsin Academic Excellence  
Higher Education Scholarship

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**Policy Statement:**

The Hortonville Area School District shall annually designate students from the graduating class as Valedictorian, Salutatorian and recipient(s) of the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship.

**Rationale:**

The Hortonville Area School District recognizes it is fitting and appropriate that students be honored for outstanding academic achievements and service during their enrollment at Hortonville High School. The intent of the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship is to recognize Wisconsin's high achieving pupils and to provide an incentive encouraging these students to attend eligible Wisconsin institutions.

**Scope:** District-wide

**Responsibility:** District Administrator and High School Principal

**Implementation:**

Criteria for Valedictorian and Salutatorian

1. A student is eligible for Valedictorian or Salutatorian only if he or she has been in attendance on or before the first day of school of the senior year and is in attendance for the entire senior year.
2. Grade point average shall be determined by all semester grades in all courses taken during grades 9-12, inclusive, that are accepted for credit by the Hortonville Area School District.
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.

Selection Process for State of Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship

1. Based on the current enrollment, Hortonville High School is eligible for two such scholarships.
2. By February 15<sup>th</sup>, the Hortonville Area School District Board of Education shall annually name the two Grade 12 pupils who have the highest grade point average at the end of the seven school semesters based on criteria used to determine the valedictorian/salutatorian.

If a tie occurs in awarding these scholarships, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

1. The eligible students must show evidence of application to a participating Wisconsin institution by the beginning date of the eighth semester.

President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The student with the highest composite ACT score available as of the beginning date of the eighth semester will be the nominee.

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3. The student with the most credits through seven semesters will be the nominee.

If a tie still exists.....

4. A single coin flip (50¢ piece) will be conducted by the Board of Education President or his/her designee at the regular Board of Education meeting to determine the nominee. The student with the last name closest to "A" will indicate choice of heads or tails prior to the tossing of the coin.

**Associated Information:** Wisconsin State Statutes 39.41, 118.13  
Wisconsin Administrative Code 9