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**VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN
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The student(s) having attained the highest and second highest quality point average during his/her high school period, excluding grades acquired in physical education, driver education, band, and chorus, shall be recognized as Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively.

A student may serve as Valedictorian or Salutatorian if he/she has attended the respective high school for his/her entire senior year. Grades attained from any school during the high school period will be entered into the aggregate compilation of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian recognition; however, in the event that number grades are not sent from a prior school and verification is present that efforts have been made to secure the number grades and these efforts have been unsuccessful, then the following number grades will be given for the following letter grades:

A+	98-100
A	95-97
A-.....	90-94
B+	89-87
B	86-84
B-.....	80-83
C+	77-79
C	76-74
C-.....	73-70
D+	69-67
D	66-61
D-	60
F	59

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be chosen based on the highest Quality Point Average through the third (3rd) nine weeks of the senior year.

The Quality Point System will be utilized to compute and determine the rank-in-class of graduating seniors. Rank-in-class is defined as the comparison of a student's academic performance with those of the members of his graduating class. Class rank computed on the basis of quality points, rather than on grade-point average, projects a more accurate profile of academic performance. It is also designed to encourage many good students to enroll in more challenging courses. Students in advanced courses earn additional quality points directly proportionate to regular courses. In this way those students in courses of average academic difficulty set the 4.0 norm. Additional quality points assigned to advanced academic courses merely serve to achieve a more accurate class ranking. Grade-point averages are unaffected by quality points and will continue to be the report of academic achievement on the high school transcript.

Students with a quality point average of 3.0 to 3.49 will graduate with honors. Students with a quality point average of 3.5 to 4.0 will graduate with special honors.

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Listed below is the Quality Point Equivalency Scale. It contains the courses designated as E-3, E-2 and E-1 courses and the number of quality points a student will receive for the grade he/she makes in each course.

QUALITY POINT EQUIVALENCY SCALE

Number

Grade	E-3	E-2	E-1	REG
<u>Earned</u>	<u>QP</u>	<u>QP</u>	<u>QP</u>	<u>QP</u>
100	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.0
99	5.4	4.9	4.4	3.9
98	5.3	4.8	4.3	3.8
97	5.2	4.7	4.2	3.7
96	5.1	4.6	4.1	3.6
95	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5
94	4.9	4.4	3.9	3.4
93	4.8	4.3	3.8	3.3
92	4.7	4.2	3.7	3.2
91	4.6	4.1	3.6	3.1
90	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0
89	4.4	3.9	3.4	2.9
88	4.3	3.8	3.3	2.8
87	4.2	3.7	3.2	2.7
86	4.1	3.6	3.1	2.6
85	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5
84	3.9	3.4	2.9	2.4
83	3.8	3.3	2.8	2.3
82	3.7	3.2	2.7	2.2
81	3.6	3.1	2.6	2.1
80	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0
79	3.4	2.9	2.4	1.9
78	3.3	2.8	2.3	1.8
77	3.2	2.7	2.2	1.7
76	3.1	2.6	2.1	1.6
75	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5
74	2.9	2.4	1.9	1.4
73	2.8	2.3	1.8	1.3
72	2.7	2.2	1.7	1.2
71	2.6	2.1	1.6	1.1
70	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0
69	2.4	1.9	1.4	0.9
68	2.3	1.8	1.3	0.8
67	2.2	1.7	1.2	0.7
66	2.1	1.6	1.1	0.6
65	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.5

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64	1.9	1.4	0.9	0.4
63	1.8	1.3	0.8	0.3
62	1.7	1.2	0.7	0.2
61	1.6	1.1	0.6	0.1
60	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.1

E-2 Courses	E-1 Courses
	Zoology
Advanced Algebra	Foreign Language I
Trigonometry	Chemistry I
	Art, Portfolio
Statistics	Accelerated U.S. History
Pre-Calculus	Honors Biology
Physics I	Accounting II
Anatomy/Physiology	Honors Algebra II
Advanced BASIC Programming	Accelerated English I – III
	Psychology
Discrete Mathematics	
Foreign Lang. II, III & IV	Spanish I
Microbiology	Computer Systems Technology I
Biomedical Research	Art, Special Course
	Art, Studio
	Honors Geometry
20 th Century Literature – AP	Botany
	Sociology

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Genetics	
Organic Chemistry w/Field Experience	Aquatic Science
Honors Chemistry	
Computer Systems Technology II	World History, Honors
	U.S. History, Honors
Medical Program II	Medical Program I

All AP courses are E-3 courses and will receive 1.5 quality points.