

## Graduation Ceremonies ~~And~~ and Activities

Determination of Valedictorian(s) and Salutatorian(s)

~~Effective: This would be in place for students graduating in years 2013, 2014 and 2015.~~

~~1.— Students must have attended the same Perris Union District Comprehensive High School for their final two years or the Continuation High School for two consecutive semesters.~~

~~2.— All weighted courses (AP, Dual Enrollment) will be counted as 5 credits per class per semester. Only grades A, B, C are weighted.~~

~~3.— Weighted courses are calculated on a 5 point scale. Other courses will be based on a 4 point scale.~~

~~4.— The Valedictorian calculation will be based on 7 semesters and the 12-week progress report in the second semester of the senior year. All 12-week progress report corrections must be made within one week from the report card distribution date.~~

~~5.— In the event of academic ties, the school will award multiple valedictorians and salutatorians.~~

~~6.— The academic ranking on the transcript does not determine the Valedictorian and Salutatorian.~~

~~7.— All students who earn a cumulative weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) in excess of 4.0+, by the end of the first semester of the senior year, will be noted as "Graduates with Honors". Students who determine that they will have earned a 4.0+ cumulative GPA by the end of the 12-week progress report in the second semester of the senior year, must meet with their counselor to be included in the "Graduates with Honors" program.~~

~~— The Continuation High School will take the students with the top ten cumulative GPA's to determine their "Graduates with Honors".~~

~~8.— Students earning the "Graduates with Honors" distinction will be issued a braided cord in their school colors.~~

~~Only the following recognitions will be allowed in addition to Cap and Gown other than approved pins attached to the gown sash:~~

~~ˆÖ— Top Ten - Cord~~

~~ˆÖ— Honor Roll - Cord~~

~~Ö CSF - Cord~~

~~Ö AVID - Sash~~

~~Ö NHS (National Honors Society) - Cord~~

~~Effective: This would be in place for students graduating in 2016 and all years thereafter.~~

1. — Administrative Regulation 5127 regarding the selection process for valedictorians and salutatorians takes effect with the Graduating Class of 2023.

Valedictorian is the academic title conferred upon the highest ranked student among those graduating from an educational institution, typically based upon the highest grade point average. Salutatorian is the academic title conferred upon the second highest ranking student in the class.

All high schools, including alternative and charter schools, will use this selection process and confer upon qualifying students the title of valedictorian or salutatorian.

The Governing Board believes that a valedictorian, representing a school and the district, shall not only display the highest level of academic achievement, but shall also exhibit the highest levels of character and behavior. To this end, the following criteria shall determine the valedictorian status:

1. Students must have attended the same Perris Union High School District Comprehensive High School for their final two years or the Continuation High School for two consecutive semesters.

2. —All students will have their credits equalized to the minimum credits (225 credits) required by the School District for graduation. -Any student earning in excess of 225 credits will have non weighted courses removed from the calculation used to determine Valedictorian. For example, students taking excess JROTC, Band, Athletic PE, ASB, and AVID will not be penalized for taking additional courses.

3. —All weighted courses (AP, Dual Enrollment) will be counted as 5 credits per class per semester. -Only grades of A, B, C are weighted. 4. —Any \*Concurrent/Annex enrollment classes will be included and weighted only if the course is offered at the high school of attendance. Concurrent/Annex enrollment courses taken 2<sup>nd</sup> semester senior year will not be calculated into the Valedictorian/Salutatorian and top ten GPA (grade is not available at the 12-week mark, only on the final transcripts).

4. Any Course earning a grade less than A must be used in the Valedictorian calculation.

5. —Weighted courses are calculated on a 5-point scale. -Other courses will be based on a 4-point scale.

6. —The Valedictorian calculation will be based on 7 semesters and the 12-week progress report in the second semester of the senior year. - All 12-week progress report corrections must be made within one week from the report card distribution date.

7. —The Valedictorian calculation will be made by taking the number of grade points earned in the equalized courses divided by the minimum number of courses needed for graduation.

8. —In the event of academic ties, the school will award multiple ~~valedictorians~~ Valedictorians and ~~salutatorians~~ Salutatorians.

9. —The academic ranking on the transcript does not determine the Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Site administration validates the final designation after courses have been evaluated and determined to be equitable for all students.

10. —All students who earn a cumulative weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) in excess of 4.0+, by the end of the first semester of the senior year, will be noted as "Graduates with Honors".- Students who determine that they will have earned a 4.0+ cumulative GPA by the end of the 12-week progress report in the second semester of the senior year, must meet with their counselor to be included in the "Graduates with Honors" program.

11. The Continuation High School will take the students with the top ten cumulative ~~GPA's~~ GPA's to determine their "Graduates with Honors".

~~11.~~—12. Students earning the "Graduates with Honors" distinction will be issued a braided cord in their school colors: that may be worn during the Graduation ceremony.

#### Traditional Approved Recognitions

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