

Valedictorian Selection Criteria

The title of valedictorian has generally been used to designate the individual who has achieved the highest academic excellence. The High School will annually select a valedictorian and the following criteria will be used to select the valedictorian.

The following considerations for selection of a valedictorian should help determine the student with the highest level of academic performance. All students achieving in the top of their graduating class will be evaluated for this honor. The overall weighted grade point average should be used for comparison of academic performance.

The following criteria should be used to identify the students who will be considered for valedictorian:

- The valedictorian designation shall be the student who has the highest weighted cumulative grade point average in grades 9 – 12.
- The salutatorian shall be the student with the next highest cumulative grade point average.

To qualify a student must have earned their final eleven (12) credits at West Jefferson High School at time of graduation and a minimum of one (1) year at the high school. All grades earned in all subjects, both required and elective, shall count in determining the final average.

Any disciplinary issue dealing with academic honesty will disqualify a student. (Including but not limited to cheating and/or plagiarism.)

No one may be valedictorian or salutatorian if they receive any major discipline in their senior year that results in two or more days of Out of School Suspension.

In the event of a "tie," the following factors will be considered by the High School Administrator in the selection of a valedictorian:

1. The Number of courses taken; the student who takes more courses will be declared valedictorian.
2. If any courses were repeated due to low grade or failure to achieve credit.
3. The scholar with the highest SAT composite score will be selected.
4. The second tie breaker will be the highest sub-score on the ACT Test.
5. The Principal may select English, mathematics, reading or science to determine the highest sub-score. The next tie breaker will be the second, third and fourth highest sub-scores in that order.