

Seward High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian Eligibility Expectations

1. Enrollment Requirement

- To be considered for Valedictorian or Salutatorian, a student must be enrolled at Seward High School for at least **four consecutive semesters (two full school years)** prior to graduation.
- Transfer students arriving after this period will remain eligible for **honors recognition** (e.g., honor cords, GPA distinctions), but **not Valedictorian or Salutatorian**.

2. Academic Standing

- Students must complete a minimum of **six core courses** (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language) at Seward High during their junior and senior years.
- Grades earned at Seward High carry full weight in GPA calculation; transfer grades are accepted but must come from accredited schools.

3. Connections / Homeschool Partnership Students

- Connections students may be eligible if they:
 - Are enrolled in at least **four Seward High classes per semester** during both their junior and senior years.
 - Actively participate in Seward High extracurricular, leadership, or service opportunities.
 - Meet the same GPA and enrollment length requirements as traditional students.

4. Weighted GPA & Tie-Breakers

- Valedictorian is awarded to the student with the **highest cumulative weighted GPA**.
- In the event of a tie, Seward High will consider:
 1. Number of advanced courses (AP, dual-credit, honors).
 2. Overall credits earned at Seward High.
 3. Principal's review with Site Council input.

5. Behavior & Standing

- Candidates must remain in **good disciplinary standing**.
- A student who is suspended for academic dishonesty or repeated misconduct during junior or senior year may forfeit eligibility.