

### 5440 HONORING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

The Board of Education values excellence and wishes to instill in pupils the desire to do their best in all things.

The Board will recognize the outstanding achievements of pupils by means appropriate to the grade level of the pupil and to the nature of the accomplishment.

The Board will maintain membership in the National Honor Society and will follow the guidelines of that organization in selecting members from the pupils in this district.

In each high school graduating class, the pupil who has earned the highest grade point average shall be named valedictorian and the pupil who has earned the next highest grade point average shall be named salutatorian provided that any pupil so named shall have been enrolled in this district prior to the end of the pupil's junior year and has not utilized the early graduation option.

Grade point average shall be determined in accordance with Policy No. 5430 and shall, for the purpose of this recognition, be calculated at the end of each marking period.

In the event the highest or next highest grade point average has been earned by two or more pupils, both or all the pupils who have tied for first or second place shall be named co-valedictorian or co-salutatorian, as the case may be.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations for the recognition of pupil achievement that establish fair standards for recognition, assure that all eligible pupils are offered an equal opportunity to meet those standards, and provide for appropriate recognition ceremonies and awards.

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