

SOMERSET CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN POLICY

1. The student must graduate with his/her class as a senior class member in good standing with all accounts paid.
2. The member of the graduating class with the highest weighted GPA who has been enrolled full-time for the 4 full semesters prior to graduation will be recognized as the valedictorian.
3. The member of the graduating class with the second-highest weighted GPA who has been enrolled full-time for the 4 full semesters prior to graduation will be recognized as the salutatorian.
4. Up to **12** AP and Dual Credit courses will be weighted and receive one extra GPA point (A-5, B-4, C-3, D-2).
 - a. A list of AP and weighted Dual Credit courses will be maintained on the school website. Other Dual Credit courses will not count toward a student's GPA.
 - b. Dual Credit courses on the list at the time coursework begins will be weighted.
 - c. Students must take and pass the AP Exam for each AP course for it to be weighted.
5. Students who have not attended SCS for all 8 semesters (grades 9-12) will be required to submit an official transcript from each accredited high school he or she has attended, and those grades will be used to calculate the student's GPA.
 - a. Weighting of grades from other schools will only be recognized if the weighted system is comparable with courses and weighting offered by SCS.
 - b. Grades from non-accredited schools (i.e. home school) will not be used to calculate the student's GPA.
6. In the event there is a tie for either Valedictorian or Salutatorian, the following tie-breaker will apply:
 - a. The student with the highest composite score on the ACT will receive the award.
 - b. If the ACT scores are the same, the students will be co-recipients of the award.
7. This policy will take effect for the 2024 Graduation Program.

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