

MORRISVILLE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

APPROVED: APRIL 26, 2017

REVISED:

214-AR-1. SELECTION OF VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Eligibility for recognition of Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors will be limited to students who are continuously enrolled at the district's high school for three (3) or more school years immediately prior to the date of graduation. Eligible students must be in good standing relative to attendance and student discipline standards. Students who are approved for, and accept, early admission to a college or university program in their senior year are not eligible for these honors.

The class Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be determined annually through the established method for determining class rank, computation of the Grade Point Average (GPA).

Computer computations of class rank will be verified through hand-calculations by the high school guidance counselor for the top five (5) students in the graduating class. The guidance counselor will verify the results and present the results to the principal. Upon acceptance of the verified data, the principal will issue the official notification letters to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

The Valedictorian will be the student with the highest GPA as computed at the end of the third report period of the senior year.

The Salutatorian will be the student with the second highest GPA as computed at the end of the third report period of the senior year.

In cases of ties in GPA, if all grades are identical, the student with the highest number of Advanced Placement/Honors courses will be awarded the appropriate Valedictorian/Salutatorian status. If there is still a tie for Valedictorian, Co-Valedictorians will be honored, in alphabetical order. If there is still a tie for Salutatorian, Co-Salutatorians will be honored, in alphabetical order.

No class rank information can be released to anyone until release is authorized by the principal. At that time, students and parents/guardians are permitted to have access to their own academic data, upon written request to the principal.

Any discrepancy or dispute will be referred to the Superintendent for resolution. The Superintendent's decision will be final.

NOTE TO WRITERS: you may have to use the following language to replace paragraph #6 above –

There will be no Co-Valedictorian or Co-Salutatorian designations awarded unless the final results of class rank calculations are exactly the same. Should Co-Valedictorians be named, there will be no Salutatorian or #2 class rank designated. Should Co-Salutatorians be named, there will be no #3 class rank designated.