

**WOODFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM #: VIII f **DATE:** November 2, 2021

TOPIC/TITLE: Rescind Policy 08.2211 "Academic Honors"

PRESENTER: Danny Adkins

ORIGIN:

- ☐ TOPIC PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION ONLY (No board action required.)
- ☒ ACTION REQUESTED AT THIS MEETING
- ☐ ITEM IS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL
- ☐ ACTION REQUESTED AT FUTURE MEETING: (DATE)
- ☐ BOARD REVIEW REQUIRED BY

- ☐ STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION
- ☐ BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY
- ☐ OTHER:

PREVIOUS REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

- ☐ NO PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION
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- ☐ DATE:
- ☐ ACTION:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ELEMENTS:

The language "Commonwealth Diploma" is no longer used as that program ended in 2011. In addition, the rest of the language is either out of date or covered under other policies/procedures. We are recommending this policy be rescinded.

IMPACT ON RESOURCES: none.

TIMETABLE FOR FURTHER REVIEW OR ACTION: 2nd Reading on December 13, 2021.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended



Academic Honors

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

The valedictorian of the graduating class shall be the senior ranking highest based on criteria adopted by the Board and the high school SBMD council. To be eligible to compete for the honor of valedictorian, a student must graduate with his/her class and complete his/her junior and senior years at WCHS.

The salutatorian shall be the senior ranking second according to the adopted criteria. Following completion of the computation process, if two (2) or more students tie for either the title of valedictorian or salutatorian, then they shall share the title.

A student must meet certain standards to compete for the title of valedictorian or salutatorian. If a student does not meet all of the standards, the s/he shall not be considered eligible for the recognition. The criteria for determining who shall be awarded the title of valedictorian or salutatorian shall be as follows:

1. Any student who maintains a grade point average of 4.0, as defined in the high school student handbook, shall be included in the consideration for the title of valedictorian or salutatorian.
2. ~~Any student wishing to vie for the title of valedictorian and/or salutatorian must successfully complete the requirements set forth for the Commonwealth Diploma, as defined in the high school handbook.~~
3. The CATS assessment scores from the sophomore and junior years and the portfolio score from the senior year will be used in determining valedictorian and salutatorian. CATS scores will be awarded on a scale of 1 to 4, depending on the student's performance on the assessments: novice – 1 point, apprentice – 2 points, proficient – 3 points, and distinguished – 4 points.
Sophomores take two (2) different tests for a possible eight (8) points. Juniors take four (4) tests for a possible twelve (12) points. Senior portfolios shall account for a possible four (4) points. The highest possible total a student may receive shall be an aggregate of twenty (20) points.
4. In the event of a tie in point total, the title of valedictorian shall be awarded to the student who has achieved the highest grade point average (GPA).

The goal of adding the preceding requirements to the title of valedictorian is to help best determine the most outstanding student in regard to academics at the high school level. These requirements also add greater objectivity to the selection process and serve to better differentiate between candidates competing for the awards.

HONORS

Students who earn the following cumulative grade point averages shall qualify for graduation with honors:

Honors	3.500 3.7499
High Honors	3.7500 3.899
Highest Distinction	3.900 or higher

Academic Honors**HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL**

In order to be eligible for honor roll status, students shall earn no grade lower than a C.

Students who earn a 3.0 cumulative grade point average for the year or for a nine (9) week grading period shall qualify for the 3.0 Honor Roll. Students who earn a 3.5 cumulative grade point average for the year or for a nine (9) week grading period shall qualify for the 3.5 Honor Roll. Students who earn a 4.0 cumulative grade point averaged for the year or for a nine (9) week grading period shall qualify for the Distinguished Honor Roll.

ACADEMIC LETTER/BAR

A student who achieves a minimum 3.50 grade point average for any given school year shall earn an academic varsity letter and shall receive an academic bar for each additional year during which a 3.50 grade point average is maintained.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Special recognition shall be given to students with perfect attendance.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Additional special achievement awards may be granted to students at the end of the school year.

CRITERIA

Criteria for each award shall be submitted to the Principal for approval and shall be disseminated to students at the beginning of the school year.

REFERENCE:

704 KAR 3:305

RELATED POLICIES:

08.113

08.1131

08.1133

08.221