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5.35 – Valedictorian and Salutatorian

POLICY:

- I. Beginning with the initial grade 9 entry in school year 2009-2010 the designation for Valedictorian or Salutatorian will be determined by the following criteria:
 - (1) Grade point averages shall be calculated using the following values:

Regular Courses

90 - 100	= A, 4 points
80 - 89	= B, 3 points
70 - 79	= C, 2 points
60 - 69	= D, 1 point
59 and below	= F, 0 points
0	= Incomplete
 - (2) Meet state and district graduation requirements;
 - (3) Semester grades in all high school courses, including those taken before 9th grade, shall be considered in calculating the grade point average.
 - (4) Must be enrolled in and earn their final two years of credit in the school.
Exception: Participation of a Levy County student in an approved exchange program for up to one year. (Early admission to college with required course enrollment meets this criterion).
 - (5) Grades shall be calculated through the 7th semester (1st semester, senior year).
 - (6) For determining Valedictorian and Salutatorian the weighted GPA as defined in the CSPP under Secondary Education: High School 5E will be used.
 - a. The student with the highest weighted GPA will be designated Valedictorian.
 - b. The student with the second highest weighted GPA will be designated Salutatorian.
 - (7) In the case of ties, the honor of co-Valedictorian or co-Salutatorian will be used.
- II. As required by the Department of Education, students that choose the 18- Credit Option shall have access to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian designation using the following criteria:

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- (1) Meet all requirements in items Sections I.
 - (2) Have a weighted GPA as defined in the CSPP under Secondary Education: High School 5E that meets or exceeds the weighted GPA of the 24 credit Valedictorian or Salutatorian selected from the graduating senior class for the appropriate designation.
 - (3) The 18-credit Valedictorian and Salutatorian shall have no effect on the 24-credit designations and shall be recognized as a separate designation.
- III. Beginning with the 2014-2015 9th grade cohort, the School Board of Levy County will recognize a Cum Laude Awards System which will be stated in the Comprehensive Student Progression Plan.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 1001.41 (2), 1001.42 (17), F.S.

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