

**SCHOOL POLICIES
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 16**

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SERIES	500	Students
SUBJECT	533	High School Student Honors and Recognition
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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is set forth guidelines for high school student honors, awards, and scholarships.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

All honors and awards presented to the students by the schools shall serve as an incentive for high achievement and a recognition of earned success. All honors, awards and scholarships presented by the schools shall be awarded strictly on the merits of the students receiving them. Each graduating senior high school class shall have the student having earned the highest four-year cumulative grade point average identified as its valedictorian and the student having earned the second highest four-year cumulative grade point average identified as its salutatorian.¹

Beginning with the Class of 2008, no formal recognition will be given to the highest two ranking students, the valedictorian and salutatorian. Instead, an Honors Recognition Program will be implemented beginning with the Class of 2008. Speakers at Commencement will be identified through a selection process.

¹ (Note: Valedictorian or salutatorian GPA are determined at the end of Trimester 2 of their senior year.)