

VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN SELECTION CRITERIA

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are selected each year from the graduating class. The Valedictorian ranks first in scholarship and is considered the top student of his/her class; the salutatorian ranks second in scholarship and is considered the second highest student in his/her class. Criteria are based primarily on cumulative GPA, but the number of Advanced Placement classes and number of earned A+ grades are also considered at the end of the midpoint of the 4th quarter of the senior year. Thus, more than one student may qualify for the valedictorian and salutatorian distinctions. Candidates must attend classes at Ketchikan High School during at least three semesters of their junior and senior years.

The following point system will be used to determine valedictorian/salutatorian:

1. Cumulative GPA shall be determined at the end of the 3rd quarter of the senior year based on the student's semester grades between their Freshman year through the first semester of their Senior year. Students with a 4.0 average will be included in the selection for Valedictorian and Salutatorian and will receive the full 30 points awarded for the top GPA. In the event there are no 4.0 students, the top ten seniors shall be ranked by GPA and given the following point values:

The following point values will be awarded: 1st: 30 points; 2nd: 27 points; 3rd: 24 points; 4th: 21 points; 5th: 18 points; 6th: 15 points; 7th: 12 points; 8th: 9 points; 9th: 6 points; and 10th: 3 points (60%).

2. The number of advanced classes taken by the candidates as determined in #1 above shall be determined by completed and current course enrollments at the midpoint of the 4th quarter of the senior year. (Current approved AP Courses offered at Ketchikan High School: **AP Literature & Composition, AP Language & Composition, AP Calculus, AP Statistics, AP American Government, AP U.S. History, AP World History, AP European History, AP Economics (.5), AP Psychology, AP Biology, AP Chemistry.**)

The following point values will be awarded: 1st: 10 points; 2nd: 9 points; 3rd: 8 points; 4th: 7 points; 5th: 6 points; 6th: 5 points; 7th: 4 points; 8th: 3 points; 9th: 2 points; 10th: 1 point (20%).

3. The total number of earned A+ semester grades by the candidates as determined in #1 above shall be determined at the midpoint of the 4th quarter of the senior year.

The following point values will be awarded: 1st: 10 points; 2nd: 9 points; 3rd: 8 points; 4th: 7 points; 5th: 6 points; 6th: 5 points; 7th: 4 points; 8th: 3 points; 9th: 2 points; 10th: 1 point (20%).

4. The point totals from the above three categories will be used to determine Valedictorian and Salutatorian. The Ketchikan High School Administration, Guidance Counselors, and Registrar will meet at the midpoint of the 4th quarter of the students' senior year to determine who will be awarded the honor of Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Students will be informed of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian selection at the Scholarship Assembly prior to graduation.