

POLICY

SOUTH ORANGE MAPLEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The Board of Education values excellence and wishes to instill in students the desire to do their best in all their endeavors. The Board recognizes that student achievement takes many forms that are not exclusively academic, such as the arts, community service, and other extracurricular activities. The Board encourages the celebration of student achievement in all these forms. The Board encourages building leaders to recognize student achievement in many different forms.

The Board ~~also will~~ recognizes the outstanding achievements of students will vary by means appropriate to the grade level of the student and to the nature of the accomplishment.

The Board will maintain membership in the National Honor Society and will follow the guidelines of that organization in selecting members from the students in this district.

In each high school graduating class, the student who has earned the highest grade point average may be named valedictorian and the student who has earned the next highest grade point average may be named salutatorian.

~~provided that any student so named shall have been enrolled in this district for at least _____ years immediately prior to high school graduation.~~

Grade point average shall be determined in accordance with Policy No. 5430 and shall, for the purpose of this recognition, be calculated at the end of the 2nd marking period Senior Year.

In the event the highest or next highest grade point average has been earned by two or more students, both or all the students who have tied for first or second place shall be named co-valedictorian or co-salutatorian, as the case may be.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations for the recognition of student achievement that establish fair standards for recognition, assure that all eligible students are offered an equal opportunity to meet those standards, and provide for appropriate recognition ceremonies and awards.

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