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### **Purpose**

The Board acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing grade point averages and class rank for secondary school students to inform students, parents/guardians and others of their relative academic placement among their peers.

### **Authority**

The Board authorizes a weighted system of ~~class rank~~ranking for students in grades 9-12.

A student's weighted and non-weighted grade point average shall be entered on the student's record and transcripts at the end of each school year and shall be subject to Board policy on release of student records.

The district shall not report class rank publicly. The district will only report percentiles of ranking alphabetically.

The district shall not recognize honorary distinctions of valedictorian and salutatorian after the graduating class of 2019-2020. The district shall institute a Latin, college-style, honors system beginning with the class of 2020-2021. Such a system shall recognize all students with weighted GPA's:

#### Meadville Area Senior High School

Summa Cum Laude

Magna Cum Laude

Cum Laude

#### Cochranton Junior Senior High School

Summa Cum Laude

Magna Cum Laude

Cum Laude

~~Class rank shall be computed by the final grade in the identified subjects:~~

- ~~1. A maximum total of six (6) ranked credits may be included in class rank each school year.~~
- ~~2. College courses in English, math, social studies, science and foreign language may be included in class rank if the student has fulfilled the high school course curriculum sequence.~~
- ~~3. College courses shall count as a half-credit elective course. They will be nonweighted and nonranked.~~

4. ~~District cyber service courses shall count as the same ranking as high school courses. Only Advanced Placement cyber courses shall be weighted. Elective courses shall not be included in class rank.~~

~~Students who enroll in Cochranon Jr./Sr. High or Meadville Area Senior High shall be included in class rank and will be eligible for Valedictorian/Salutatorian if the student enrolls in that respective building prior to the second semester of the sophomore year and continues enrollment therein throughout their senior year.~~

~~Students who enroll in the district in grades 9 through 12 from a home education program or cyber charter school shall not be included in class rank or eligibility for Valedictorian/Salutatorian. Class rank, including the determination of Valedictorian and Salutatorian, shall be determined at the end of the fourth nine-week grading period.~~

~~Any two (2) or more students whose computed grade point averages are identical shall be given the same rank. The rank of the student who immediately follows a tied position will be determined by the number of students preceding and not by the rank of the preceding person.~~

~~Beginning with the Class of 2018-2019 at Cochranon Junior Senior High School, eligibility for Valedictorian/Salutatorian will be determined by the additional criteria of the completion of core content courses:~~

English

~~Challenge English I, Challenge English II, Challenge English III and AP Literature and Composition~~

Math

~~Algebra II, Geometry, Algebra III/Trigonometry, Pre-calculus and Calculus~~

Science

~~Honors Biology I, Honors Chemistry I and two of the four courses AP Physics I, AP Physics II, Honors Biology II or Honors Chemistry II~~

Social Studies

~~Civics and Government, American History II, Modern World History I and Sociology/Psychology~~

~~A student's grade point average and rank in class shall be entered on the student's record and transcripts and shall be subject to Board policy on release of student records.[1]~~

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations for computing grade point averages and assigning class rank to implement this policy.

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