

**Schroon Lake Central Board Policy
Valedictorian and Salutatorian
Effective September 2013**

Qualifications

Qualifications that must be met before a student can be a candidate for Valedictorian or Salutatorian are as follows:

1. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian shall meet Schroon Lake Central School graduation requirements.
2. The student must have been enrolled for at least four years and graduated with their entering ninth grade class. (Internships included as enrolled in SLCS)
3. Any student who has disciplinary action taken against him or her in the last four years for a Level 4 as outlined in District Policy will be disqualified from Valedictorian/Salutatorian status.
4. The Valedictorian and Salutatorian shall have the highest two averages. Averages are calculated by:
 - a. Multiplying any college course grade by a factor of 1.15 (This weights those courses 15% more than other courses.)
 - b. This total is added to the grades achieved in the regular coursework and divided by the number of credits earned.
 - c. Grades from the Freshman year through the third quarter of the Senior year, along with any accelerated class from the 8th grade year are considered.

Implementation Guidelines

Using the aforementioned requirements, the top 20% of students with the highest adjusted GP A will be given the opportunity to verify their grades and college classes taken and completed. Then the adjusted GPA will be verified by two administrators and /or councilors appointed by the Superintendent.

1. The student with the highest GPA shall be appointed Valedictorian.
2. The student with the second highest GPA shall be appointed Salutatorian.
3. Students with equal GP A's will be given equal status.
4. If more than one Valedictorian or Salutatorian is appointed, the individual who will speak at graduation will be chosen by the senior class. If such ballot results in a tie, a panel of five teachers appointed by the Superintendent will cast silent ballots to determine the speaker.