# INSTRUCTION GRADUATION ACADEMIC HONORS

## **EHD**

## 1. VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

The purpose of the Valedictorian award is to recognize publicly and encourage the pursuit of excellence. Valedictorians are chosen based on the top academic 1% of the graduating class, as determined by 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th grade GPA and ACT test score. Students must complete ACT by February of the graduation year. No application is necessary. Students are selected after 3rd term data is collected. Candidates must be enrolled at least 1/2 time in GPA classes at a Tintic School District high school their senior year.

The following formula is used to determine Valedictorian/Salutatorian status: A. GPA Score -  $(GPA \times 9) + ACT$  Score - (ACT Points Scale) = Total Score

B. Example: (4.0 GPA x 9 = 36) + (The number possible up to 36 ACT Composite) = 72 Total Score Possible

The total student scoring will be based on the total of a 50% GPA Score and a 50% ACT Composite Score. Course GPA's and associated grades earned in all college and concurrent enrolment courses will not be extended, modified or inflated. Course GPA scoring issued by the institution will be the recorded and utilized grade.

The top 1% based on the total points will be Valedictorians, and the next 1% will be Salutatorians. By achieving this level of academic excellence, students will wear the Valedictorian or Salutatorian medal during graduation exercises. Valedictorians also will be invited to submit a speech to be considered for delivery in representing the valedictorians at the commencement exercises.

### 2. OUTSTANDING HONORS

All graduating seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.85 or higher will be awarded the status of Outstanding Honors student.

### 3. ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENT

A student must be enrolled the last six consecutive quarters prior to graduation to be considered for the honor of Valedictorian or Salutatorian in a school. During their senior year at least half of their class load must be on campus with regular daily attendance.

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