

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

POLICY 5126

VALEDICTORIAN RECOGNITION GRADUATION PARTICIPATION

The student in each high school earning the highest grade point average at the end of the eighth semester, as computed within the school district's ranking system, shall be named Valedictorian and shall have the opportunity to deliver a speech at the graduation ceremonies of the class. In the event that multiple students earn the identical highest grade point average each of those students shall be designated as a valedictorian. The principal and faculty will determine how and how many valedictorian speeches will be delivered at graduation. Each school has the right to designate other graduation speakers as determined by a committee consisting of faculty and students.

For any mid-year recognition of a student ranked at the top of his/her class, that student will be identified as ranked first in the class and not the valedictorian. The valedictorian will be determined after the eighth semester.

Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-20 Discrimination; prohibition

N.J.S.A. 18A:71-27 Higher education; scholarship funds; establishment; administration

Formerly Policy IHCA

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