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Date: December 12, 2020
To: High School Teachers
From: Nick L. Salerno, Interim Director of Secondary Instruction *NS*
Gorge Santiago, Executive Director of Secondary Schools
Re: Val and Sal Selection Process

With the implementation of the 4 x 4 schedule, the process for Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Junior Honor Attendants and Academic Medals has been adjusted to provide more equitable opportunities for all students. High Schools are responsible for implementing this new process starting with the 2020-21 school year and communicating this information to staff, students and parents.

PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN, JUNIOR HONOR ATTENDANTS, AND ACADEMIC MEDALS

Local Honors Weighted GPA: A factor of “weight” as follows:

- UC Course Management Portal Approved Honors and Advanced Placement Weighted Courses: “A” = 5 points, “B” = 4, “C” = 3
- Fontana USD Local Academic Achievement List courses: “A” = 4.5 points, “B” = 3.5, “C” = 2.5
- Excellent student behavior and discipline record. School administration has the right to remove a student from receiving the recognition and participating in the school activities, if the administrator determines that the student’s behavior is unacceptable.

ACADEMIC MEDALS

- Gold medal - 3.8 weighted GPA or above
- Silver medal 3.5 – 3.79 weighted GPA
- All academic courses a student is enrolled in counts towards the weighted GPA
- Any D’s, F’s, N’s, or U’s disqualifies a candidate.
- Student assistant and summer school courses do not count
- Students receiving Pass or Fail mark instead of a letter grade can have opportunity to access such awards, the passing mark will have a point value of 3.5.

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

- *Candidates must meet the following criteria:*
 - The student may not have any Ds, Fs, or NCs.
 - The student must attend three years in Fontana USD and final two years at the graduating site.
 - No more than one PE course per semester.

- Site administrators will review candidate applications during the fourth quarter/term of senior year to determine final selection of Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

- *Valedictorian*
The student(s) with the highest Local Honors Weighted GPA for the highest grades in 48 semester courses from UC Course Management Portal Approved Courses and the Fontana USD Local Academic Achievement List courses.

- *Salutatorian*
The student(s) with the second highest Local Honors Weighted GPA for the highest grades in 48 semester courses from UC Course Management Portal Approved Courses and the Fontana USD Local Academic Achievement List courses.

JUNIOR HONOR ATTENDANTS

Junior Honor Attendants are selected from the Local Honors Weighted GPA of 3.8 or higher of five semesters, with no Ds or Fs and no more than one PE course per semester. The site administrator will review candidate applications during the third quarter/term of the Junior year to determine final selection of the Junior Honor Attendants.