

SELECTION OF VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN, HONOR COURSES, CLASS RANK

Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Honor Students, Scholarship Awards

The graduating student with the highest cumulative grade point average (GPA) will be the valedictorian and the graduating student with the next highest GPA will be the salutatorian. In case of identical GPA's, numerical averages will be used to break the tie. GPA's may be averaged up to six (6) decimal places when necessary to break a tie. If still tied, the top two students will be designated as co-valedictorian and no salutatorian will be recognized. Should there be identical GPA's with students qualifying for salutatorian, the same process of using numerical averages will be applied to break the tie. If still tied, co-salutatorian will be recognized.

Only those students who have been members of Animas Senior Class during all of their Junior and Senior years can qualify for valedictorian and salutatorian. Students must take and complete three (3) full credits of honor courses at Animas High School in order to qualify for valedictorian and salutatorian. Grades will be computed for four (4) years (grades 9-12). Any student whose GPA is better than either of the two students who do qualify but does not meet the residence and honors course requirement, will be designated as a "Special Honor Student" and given appropriate recognition.

To determine the cumulative GPA for these students the accumulation of the grades will be cut off at the end of the 4th nine-week grading period of their senior year. The GPA's may be averaged up to six (6) decimal places when necessary to break a tie.

ACADEMIC GRADING SCALE

GRADE	NUMERICAL - GPA
A	90--100
B	80--89
C	70--79
D	60--69
F	Below-60

Students will have the opportunity to contract the following courses that may include, but not limited to the following for "Honors Credit."

Algebra II - Chemistry - Intermediate College Alg. - Ecology - Physics – Trigonometry - Pre-Calculus

Students taking courses for honors credit must have **Counselor's Approval** prior to enrollment. AP courses only can be taken for honors credit.

SELECTION OF 8TH GRADE SUPERIOR AND OUTSTANDING STUDENT

The 8th grade student with the highest cumulative grade point average (GPA) for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade years will be named Superior Student. The 8th grade student with the second highest

cumulative grade point average (GPA) for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade years will be named Outstanding Student. All classes will be used in determining GPA. Should there be identical GPA's, numerical averages will be used to break the tie. The numerical average may be averaged up to six (6) decimal places when necessary to break a tie. If still tied, the top two students will be recognized as co-Superior Students and there will be no Outstanding Student recognized. If there are identical GPA's for Outstanding Student, the same process of using numerical averages will be applied to break the tie. If still tied, co-Outstanding Students will be recognized. The student must have been enrolled at Animas Middle School for the entire 7th and 8th grade year. The GPA's may be averaged up to six (6) decimal places when necessary to break a tie.

Wording in red will be added to the policy.