

DE SOTO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

461

DESIGNATION OF VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN/ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLAR

The senior student with the highest cumulative grade point average after the first semester of the senior year shall be designated as the valedictorian. The senior student with the second highest cumulative grade point average after the first semester of the senior year shall be designated as the salutatorian.

For purposes of the Wisconsin academic excellence higher education scholarship, the valedictorian shall be designated the academic excellence scholarship designee; the salutatorian shall be designated as the alternate designee. **{NOTE: I added the previous statement for clarification.}**

In order to be eligible, the student must have attended De Soto High School for at least one high school year (any two complete semesters) prior to the senior year, and complete his/her entire senior year successfully at De Soto High School. To waive this restriction requires a majority vote of the Board of Education based on the majority vote of the high school faculty. To attain senior standing a student must (for example, be in at least his/her fourth year of high school and have earned at least X credits). **{NOTE: According to HEA 9 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code regarding the academic excellence scholarship, school boards are required to determine and have in writing, a policy establishing how a student acquires senior status. You should complete the previous statement as appropriate to reflect your district's definition of a senior student.}**

In the event of a tie, the high school faculty shall select the scholarship designee and certify, in order of priority, any remaining seniors with the same grade point average as alternate designees, in accordance with established procedures. **{NOTE: I added the previous statement to reflect requirements of HEA 9.05(3) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.}**

LEGAL REF.: Sections 39.41 Wisconsin Statutes

118.13

HEA 9, Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 461-Rule, Tie-Breaking Procedures

APPROVED:

NOTE: This policy was found in your district's current policy manual (code not visible (portions) - approved 6/3/96). I revised it for stylistic reasons, separating the procedures from the policy, and as outlined above. (WASB - 11/06)