

GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES**Recognition of Valedictorian(s)**

To honor superior academic achievement, graduation ceremonies may include recognition of Valedictorian(s). Valedictorian candidacy is based on the following criteria:

1. Attendance at a Vacaville Unified School District high school for a minimum of two years (11th through 12th grade)
2. Attendance in the six-period, on-campus school day each semester, or a combination of on campus and dual enrollment courses for high school graduation and/or a-g requirements.

For the Class of 2024:

1. The weighted Academic GPA:
 - a. The weighted Academic GPA will include courses taken on campus and/or a combination of on campus and dual enrollment courses. The GPA will not include courses outside periods 1 through 6 or college courses not required for high school graduation and/or a-g requirements.
 - b. The weighted Academic GPA will contain a maximum of sixteen weighted semester courses. Should a student complete more than sixteen weighted semester courses, the most recent sixteen will be included as weighted for GPA purposes.
 - c. The student with the highest Academic weighted GPA will automatically qualify as a Valedictorian.

For Classes of 2025 and beyond,

- a. The weighted Academic GPA will not include courses outside periods 1 through 6 that are not high school graduation and/or a-g requirements.
- b. The weighted Academic GPA will not include college courses not required for high school graduation and/or a-g requirements.
- c. Students with a weighted Academic GPA of 4.4 or higher will automatically qualify as a Valedictorian.

Buckingham Collegiate Charter Academy (BCCA) does not recognize Valedictorian status as part of graduation ceremonies, but following the submission of final grades the senior with the top total GPA has to claim the number one ranking in their senior class.

All high school courses, regardless of the institution, will be used to calculate the student's total GPA. College classes taken that are not used to meet high school graduation requirements may not be included on the high school transcript nor included in the calculation of GPA.

(cf. 5126 – Awards for Achievement)

(cf. 5121 – Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

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