

## Valedictorian/Salutatorian Qualifications

### Philosophy of South Range High School's "Best in Class"

A candidate for Valedictorian/Salutatorian exemplifies qualities of a student who has reached the highest level of coursework obtainable as he/she attends South Range High School. This individual is a high-achieving and self-motivating leader who accepts academic challenges. These challenges are measured through the following process:

#### Phase 1

To be considered for valedictorian/salutatorian, students must first successfully complete *all* of the following coursework:

1. Math
  - a. Honors Plane Geometry
  - b. Honors Algebra II
  - c. Calculus I
  - d. Calculus 2\*
2. English
  - a. Honors English 10
  - b. Honors English 11\*
  - c. Honors English 12\*
3. Science
  - a. Chemistry
  - b. Two additional courses from the following:
    - i. Advanced Chemistry\*
    - ii. Physics\*
    - iii. Advanced Life Science\*
4. Foreign Language
  - a. Three years of one language\*
5. Social Studies
  - a. AP US History\*

*\*Or equivalent university course(s)-Any course taken through College Credit Plus from the above list will require the student to take the equivalent AP subject test and earn a minimum 3 points on each test.*

**Students who would like to apply for Valedictorian/Salutatorian status must complete an application for consideration at the end of their junior year.**

#### Phase II (if needed)

If there is more than one student who has completed coursework described in Phase 1, then those students will be awarded quality points for the following:

- a. A fourth credit in foreign language beyond phase 1 (credit must be earned as a fourth level course).
- b. An additional advanced science credit beyond phase 1
- c. An additional half credit in Social Studies (excluding Pop culture)
- d. Fine arts coursework in **two** different areas (vocal, instrumental, or visual)
- e. Service-learning hours: must be completed prior the beginning of the students' senior year (*NO* quality points assigned)

#### Phase III (if needed)

In the event of a tie, the highest ACT composite score on a single administration will be used to determine Valedictorian and Salutatorian. The latest test eligible for consideration is December of the students' senior year.

**Policy goes into effect with Class of 2020**