



Santa Cruz City Schools

Guidelines for High School Graduation Honors and Awards

Effective 2016-17 Academic School Year

To honor superior academic achievement, graduation ceremonies shall include recognition of valedictorians and salutatorians. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures that ensure a fair determination of valedictorians and salutatorians. (cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)

In Santa Cruz City Schools, the guidelines for selection of valedictorians and salutatorians shall be based on eight semesters of study. Students may, however, be provisional or probationary valedictorians and salutatorians after the seventh semester to allow for any possible media announcements. Nonetheless, the final and official selection shall be based on eight semesters.

The calculation of the rank in class and the selection of valedictorians and salutatorians will be selected on the basis of an **unweighted GPA**. Students with a 4.0 grade point average (straight A's) all 8 semesters of high school will be selected as valedictorians. Students who earn all A's with the exception of a single B will be salutatorians.

Students who have the highest overall **weighted GPA** will be awarded the Superintendent's Award. The Superintendent's Award is in addition to a valedictorian or salutatorian award.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kris Munro".

Kris Munro, Superintendent