

Current KSD Valedictorian & Salutatorian Requirements

Effective though the graduation class of 2026

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1. The Valedictorian shall be the student with the highest-grade point average (GPA) using the 4-point standard un-weighted grading scale calculated at the conclusion of the final semester of the senior year. Should there be more than one student with the highest GPA there shall be multiple valedictorians.
2. The Salutatorian shall be the student with the second highest GPA using the 4-point un-weighted standard grading scale calculated at the conclusion of the final semester of the senior year. Should there be more than one student with the second highest GPA, there should be multiple salutatorians.
3. An un-weighted grading scale based on a 4-point standard will be used to file transcript grades and communicate with colleges and universities.
4. A list of classes for those students “on track” to be the valedictorian(s)/Salutatorian is established as follows. For a student to be considered for valedictorian/Salutatorian, he/she must successfully complete at least 5 of the 8 classes listed below and the current required curriculum and credits as stated in the current Kimberly High School Handbook.

- Advanced Placement/Honors English
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Spanish III
- Pre-Calculus
- Calculus
- Statistics

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Proposed KSD Valedictorian & Salutatorian Requirements:

Beginning with the graduation class of 2027

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4. A list of classes for those students “on track” to be the valedictorian(s)/Salutatorian (effective Class of 2027) is established as follows. For a student to be considered for valedictorian/Salutatorian, he/she must successfully complete (with a letter grade assigned) at least 6 courses listed below with any of the following combinations:
 - 4 core classes from at least 3 core sections and 2 optional advanced classes
 - 5 core classes from at least 3 core sections and 1 optional advanced class
 - 6 core classes from at least 3 core sections

In addition to the required curriculum and credits as stated in the current Kimberly High School Handbook. Courses that have a Pass/Fail grade will not be accepted for Valedictorian and/or Salutatorian recognition.

5. A student will be an active member in good standing of a Kimberly High School-recognized club, organization, or sport for a minimum of two academic calendar school years.

Core Classes (Complete at least 1 sequence from each core area.)

Core Area: English (Choose one sequence)

Honors English 12 A & B
or
Honors English 12A + any ENGL 200 series
or
Advanced Placement English 12

Core Area: Social Studies (Choose one sequence)

Honors US History II A & B (HIST 112 US History 2)
or
Honors Government A & B (POLS 101 American National Government)

Core Area: Mathematics (Choose one sequence)

Calculus A & B (MATH 170 Calculus 1)
or
Statistics A & B (MATH 153 Statistical Reasoning)

Core Area: Science (Choose one sequence)

Anatomy & Physiology A & B (BIOL 227 Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 + BIOL 227L Human A & P Lab)
or
Physics A & B (PHYS 111 General Physics 1 & PHYS 112 General Physics 2)
or
Chemistry A & B (CHEM 111 Principles of Chemistry 1)

Optional Advanced Classes

Ag Advanced Food Systems (AGRI 180 Food Systems Science)

Accounting 2

Adobe in Design **(with at least 1 certification)**

Audition Choir **(with participation in solo/ensemble festival)** and All-State Choir Submission

Audition Band **(with participation in solo/ensemble festival)** and All-State Band Submission

AP Art Submission or Art History-ART **101 or 102**

Communications 101

~~Advanced Fitness (Anatomy and Physiology component included)~~

Advanced Health Education (WELL 255)

Spanish 3 A & B (SPAN 101 and SPAN 102) **or 2 consecutive college semesters of the same world language (101 and 102 levels)**

~~Student Council (requires application and staff approval)~~

KHS Involvement (Club, Organization or Sport)

Year 1

Year 2

Transfer students may request a transcript review to assess eligibility of valedictorian status.

A valedictorian candidate that is involved in any major disciplinary infraction may have their status reviewed by the school administration and/or the school board. The school board may decide to take action, up to and including revoking a student's valedictorian status.