



POLICY

**Haddonfield
Board of Education**

STUDENTS

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The Board of Education values excellence and wishes to instill in students the desire to do their best in all things. The Board will recognize the outstanding achievements of students by means appropriate to the grade level of the student and the nature of the accomplishment.

The high school and middle school will maintain the National Honor Society membership. They will follow that organization's guidelines in selecting members from the students in this district.

Because it is not possible to anticipate students' achievements in all areas of school and community life, all teaching staff members are directed to be alert to the outstanding accomplishments of students other than those listed in this policy. Any such accomplishment should be reported to the Superintendent or Building Principal with a recommendation that the Board considers appropriate recognition of the student.

Grade point average shall be determined in accordance with Policy Nos 2624 and 5430.

The district shall not recognize the honorary distinctions of valedictorian or salutatorian after the graduation of the Class of 2022 and thereafter. The district shall institute a Latin, collegiate-style honors system beginning with the class of 2023 and after as outlined in Policy 5432.

At the high school, recognition will be given to all students with weighted GPAs in the 1st-5th percentile of their class as summa cum laude; 6th-10th percentile of their class as magna cum laude, and 11th-20th percentile of their class as cum laude. Students will be recognized for these distinctions at the Senior Luncheon.

Students that earn summa cum laude status will be provided an opportunity to be selected to speak at graduation. Each interested student will submit their speech anonymously to a panel composed of administrators and teachers; among the submissions, two speeches will be selected to be read at graduation by the students.

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