

Mountain View Academy

Grade 12 Valedictorian Selection Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a fair, transparent, and comprehensive process for selecting the Grade 12 Valedictorian. The Valedictorian should represent academic excellence as well as the values, character, and spirit of the school community.

2. Definition of Valedictorian

The Valedictorian is a graduating student who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement, meaningful contributions to school life, exemplary citizenship, and consistent appropriate behaviour. The Valedictorian serves as a role model and spokesperson for the graduating class.

3. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration as Valedictorian, a student must:

- Be a full-time Grade 12 student graduating in the current academic year.
- Be in good academic standing with the school.
- Have no record of serious disciplinary action during their high school career.
- Meet the academic threshold outlined in Section 4.

4. Selection Criteria

The selection of the Valedictorian will be based on a holistic review of the following criteria:

4.1 Academic Achievement

- Cumulative Grade 10–12 academic average (or Grade 12 average, as determined by the school).
- Academic rigor of courses taken.
- Consistent effort and improvement over time.

4.2 School Contributions and Leadership

- Participation in extracurricular activities (clubs, sports, arts, student council, committees).
- Demonstrated leadership roles and initiative.
- Service to the school community (volunteering, mentoring, event organization).

4.3 Citizenship and Character

- Respect for peers, staff, and the school community.
- Demonstration of integrity, honesty, and responsibility.
- Positive attitude and willingness to contribute to a supportive school environment.

4.4 Behaviour and Conduct

- Consistent adherence to the school's Code of Conduct.
- Attendance and punctuality.
- Appropriate behaviour both inside and outside the classroom, including school-sponsored events.

5. Nomination Process

- Eligible students may be nominated by teachers, school staff, or administrators.

6. Selection Committee

- The Valedictorian Selection Committee will consist of the Principal, Assistant Principal and Staff.

7. Final Decision and Notification

- The final decision rests with the Selection Committee.
- The selected Valedictorian will be notified privately prior to public announcement.
- The school reserves the right to select co-valedictorians in exceptional circumstances.

8. Revocation Clause

The school reserves the right to revoke the Valedictorian designation if, after selection, the student engages in serious misconduct or behaviour that is inconsistent with school values.

9. Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed periodically by school administration to ensure fairness, clarity, and alignment with school values.