

GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
VIRGIN ISLANDS BOARD OF EDUCATION



Valedictorian and Salutatorian Selection Policy

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VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN SELECTION POLICY

Jurisdiction and Authority: The Virgin Islands Board of Education is authorized and has jurisdiction to prescribe general regulations to do anything necessary for the proper maintenance and operation of the public schools of the Virgin Islands by virtue of Virgin Islands Code, Title 17, Section 2, and shall perform such other functions as may be prescribed or required by local or Federal law. Pursuant to Title 17, Section 41, the Virgin Islands Board of Education is further authorized to promulgate rules and regulations in order to prescribe courses of study for all public schools, which shall not be less than the minimum standards set by the acknowledged accrediting groups in the United States: provided, that the basic course of study for high schools shall be academic. Each regulation adopted by the Board must be within the scope of authority conferred and in accordance with standards prescribed by other and provisions of law.

All students enrolled in the public school system of the Virgin Islands in the twelfth grade, which includes general and vocational educational students are eligible to be selected as valedictorian or salutatorian subject to the following criteria:


1. Eligible students must have attended and completed 4 years in a Virgin Islands public high school; with the last two years being consecutive and at the same school; and
2. Eligible students must have completed all major credits as required by promotion policies of the Virgin Islands Board of Education and Department of Education; and
3. Eligible students must be in good standing and must not have been determined guilty of any level four infraction(s) during high school (Grades 9-12) unless such determination was reversed by an appellate process; and
4. Eligible students must have successfully completed at least two (2) Advanced Placement courses (to include Early Admissions or Dual Credit courses) or at least (4) Honors courses during high school where applicable; and

5. Based on the all of the above: The student with the highest grade point average will be awarded the Valedictorian honor. The student with the second highest grade point average will be awarded the Salutatorian honor. In the event of tied grade point average for valedictorian and/or salutatorian, the school administrator shall award Co- Valedictorian and / or Co-Salutatorian positions.


The Virgin Islands Public Educational System offers opportunities to students and will not discriminate against any student based on race, color, religion, age, national origin, sex or disability.

This policy shall take effect immediately but shall apply first to students graduating in the 2016-2017 school year.

Approved by the 17th Virgin Islands Board of Education on the 2nd day of April 2016.



Chairman



Secretary