

Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

**SELECTION OF GAINESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN**

Each year, a member of the senior class shall be determined to be the valedictorian and salutatorian of that senior class. The valedictorian shall be the student who has obtained the highest grade point average according to the following guidelines. The salutatorian shall be the student who has obtained the second highest grade point average as determined under the following guidelines.

1. The valedictorian and salutatorian must be students enrolled in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade who graduates with their cohort class. Credits must have been earned from an accredited school.
2. A student's graduation class is established by a student's ninth grade entry date.
3. The student must have attended GHS for at least three consecutive semesters immediately preceding the determination of the class valedictorian and salutatorian.
4. The valedictorian must have earned the highest grade point average in his/her graduating class based on the school's consistent use of a weighted scale. The salutatorian must have earned the second highest grade point average in his/her graduating class. The grade point average shall be determined by grades received in all high school classes including dual enrollment, Georgia virtual school, accel, summer school, and high school classes taken in the middle school and high school credit was accepted by the student. All grades will be calculated using the Gainesville High School grade point system. The grade point average is calculated to the fourth place beyond the decimal point.
5. To be considered for the valedictorian or salutatorian, students must graduate with their cohort class. All Gainesville High School graduation requirement policies must be followed and all grade transcripts accepted and verified by the high school principal and counselor.
6. When the determination of valedictorian status between the top two honor graduates is affected by the fact that one of the students transferred to GHS from a different program of study, such as a non-block high school, prior to the junior year, and thus has fewer total courses and a lower denominator in calculating grade point average as compared with the student attending GHS all four years, co-valedictorians will be named if it is determined by comparing each student's four year program of study, that the difference in grade point average is based on this mathematical anomaly.
7. The valedictorian and salutatorian will be calculated after the first semester of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**I have read and understand the guidelines for the selection of the Gainesville High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian.**

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

