

Classes of 2023-2025

VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN

What does valedictorian/salutatorian mean at Morgan High School?

The valedictorian is the official recognition for the highest ranked student(s) for academic achievement among those graduating from Morgan High School. The salutatorian is the official recognition for the second highest ranked student(s) for academic achievement among those graduating from Morgan High School. Academic achievement focuses on GPA, ACT exam, and rigor of courses.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Selection Process

Selection will be based on the following point system:

GPA – Multiplied by 10 (example $4.0 \times 10 = 40$ points)

ACT - Composite Score (example score of 36 = 36 points)

ACADEMIC COURSES (AC)

AP Courses – 2 points per course

AP English	AP Chemistry
AP Calculus	AP Art History
AP Biology	AP European History
AP Physics	

*Other AP Classes as they are adopted at Morgan High School.

* AP classes eligible for points towards valedictorian must be adopted by MHS prior to the student taking the course.

IVC/Concurrent Enrollment(CE)/Early College (EC) – 1 point per course

Courses vary annually, please contact a counselor or an administrator to find an updated list..

Points awarded for college courses must appear on a student's MHS transcript and impact a student's GPA.

Early College (EC) is defined as Weber State University's EC program that allows high school students to take university courses on the WSU campus, or online.

The Concurrent Enrollment (CE) program is defined as introductory 1000- or 2000-level college courses taught on the MHS campus during the regular school day, either face-to-face, online through MHS, or via the Interactive Video Conference (IVC) system.

Decision

The student(s)* with the highest composite total of GPA, ACT, and Academic points will be named valedictorian. The student(s)* with the second highest composite total of GPA, ACT, and Academic points will be named salutatorian.

For example,

Student A		Student B	
ACT	34	ACT	34
GPA	40 (4.0×10)	GPA	38 (3.8×10)
AC	9 (3 AP courses + 3 CE/IVC courses)	AC	19 (4 AP courses + 11 CE/EC courses)
Total	83 points	Total	91 points

Student B will be valedictorian; Student A will be salutatorian.

***Student(s) must also be enrolled at Morgan High School for full senior year.**

Eligible seniors will be notified at the beginning of second trimester and invited to apply for the honor; applications will be due the end of second trimester. Applications and current grades will be reviewed and honorees selected by the committee at mid-term of third trimester; third trimester midterms will affect eligibility.

A principal or assistant principal, counselor, and the elected MHS Community Council Chair (or elected parent on the MHS CC who is appointed by the Chair) will serve on a 3-person committee for the valedictorian selection process. No person on the committee may have a son, daughter, close relative, and/or student/aide as an applicant for

valedictorian. If the committee cannot reach a unanimous decision, the superintendent will be consulted to evaluate the process for fidelity and offer insights to help the committee arrive at a decision.

A student's citizenship with the school will be considered as a condition for being named valedictorian/salutatorian. The Administration reserves the right to eliminate candidates based on poor attendance and/or violations of school/district policies.

Classes of 2026 and Beyond

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GPA – Multiplied by 10 (example $4.0 \times 10 = 40$ points)

ACT - Composite Score (example score of 36 = 36 points)

ACADEMIC COURSES (AC)

AP Courses – 2 points per course- No Maximum

AP English	AP Chemistry
AP Calculus	AP Art History
AP Biology	AP European History
AP Physics	

*Other AP Classes as they are adopted at Morgan High School.

AP classes eligible for points towards valedictorian must be adopted by MHS prior to the student taking the course. AP courses completed outside of MHS should receive pre-approval (in writing) from the MHS Counselor's office to be eligible for points.

IVC/Concurrent Enrollment(CE)/Early College (EC) – 1 point per course – Maximum 10 points

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Applied Technical College (ATC) Courses – 2 points per completed ATC Certification – Maximum 4 Points

Certification must span (at minimum) two semesters. Certification must be completed by the first day of May of the student's 12th-grade year to be eligible for points.

Points awarded for IVC/CE/EC and AP courses must appear on a student's MHS transcript and impact a student's GPA to be eligible for points.

ATC courses must be taken from an accredited, Utah-based technical college. Qualifying courses should be prerequisites for a completed Certification program.

Decision

The student with highest total points will be named the valedictorian, and the student with the second highest points will be named the salutatorian. If two or more students have equal and highest points, each will be honored as co-valedictorians. If two or more students have equal and the second highest points, each will be honored as co-salutatorians.

For example:

Student A

ACT 34
GPA 40 (4.0 x 10)
AP 6 (3 courses x 2)
College 4 (4 IVC/CE/EC courses)
ATC 2 (1 completed certificate)

Total 86

Student B

ACT 34
GPA 38 (3.8 x 10)
AP 10 (5 courses x 2)
College 6 (6 IVC/CE/EC courses)
ATC 0

Total 88

Student B will be valedictorian; Student A will be salutatorian.

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