

Graduation: Designation of Valedictorian/Salutatorian				
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Procedures:

To honor superior academic achievement, graduation ceremonies shall include recognition of valedictorian(s) and salutatorian(s). Valedictorian(s) and salutatorian(s) shall be selected based on established criteria and procedures that use multiple measures of academic performance.

The Director or designee shall perform a calculation of grade point averages (GPA) as described below. The top 10% of Senior GPAs identified by the student information system will provide the foundation for consideration of review. At the Director's discretion, valedictorian(s) and salutatorian(s) may be designated for the entire school or at each resource center providing a high school program.

- Coursework for the seven semesters through the fall semester of the Senior Year will count towards the calculation. A progress report will be submitted in Learning Period 8 to verify continued successful progress in rigorous coursework. The Director will have sole discretion in the final evaluation dependent upon the progress report.
- Students must be enrolled in LVCS for at least 2 semesters.
- Grade weighting shall be applied to (when available) Advanced Placement, honors, a-g designation, and/or concurrent postsecondary courses.
- Weighting of courses shall be on the following scale:
  - A = 5.0
  - B = 4.0
  - C = 3.0
  - Grades below C shall not receive additional weighting.
- Consistent with the CSU/UC system GPA calculation, courses considered for the GPA calculation include:
  - Mathematics Algebra I and higher
  - Sciences
  - World History, US History, Economics, US Government
  - English
  - Visual/Performing Arts
  - Foreign Language
- CST Scores for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades will be averaged. An average score of advanced will count as 1 additional point added to the GPA; an average score of Proficient will count as 0.5 additional points added to the GPA. Average scores below proficient shall not qualify for the additional points.
- Students must be on track to meet all LVCS graduation requirements and have passed the CAHSEE in 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

Course	Grade	Credits	Weighted Value
English 9			
English 9			
English 10			
English 10			
English 11			
English 11			

Weighted GPA Worksheet for the purpose of determining valedictorian/salutatorian status

English 12		
English 12		
Algebra I		
Algebra I		
Algebra II		
Algebra II		
Geometry		
Geometry		
Other Higher Math		
Other Higher Math		
World History		
World History		
US History		
US History		
Econ or US Govt		
Econ or US Govt		
Biology		
Biology		
Physical Science		
Physical Science		
Other Science		
Other Science		
Foreign Language		
Visual/Perf Arts		
GPA Sub Total		
CST Average 9-11		
Additional Points for		
Total Weighted GPA		

Passed CAHSEE 10<sup>th</sup> Grade \_\_\_\_\_ On track for LVCS graduation

Enrolled 2 or more semesters