



VALEDICTORIAN POLICY

DM Approval:

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Effective Date: May 1, 2017

GENERAL INFORMATION

A valedictorian is an academic title of success for the students who deliver the closing or farewell statement at a school graduation ceremony.

Valedictorians are typically selected based on specific criteria defined by the school.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Yukon schools: establish and communicate a process for the selection of a valedictorian and the criteria upon which the selection is based; clearly outline the expectation of a valedictorian from the time of selection to graduation; and specify the process to revoke the selection of a valedictorian should the need arise.

POLICY STATEMENT

A student selected as valedictorian should be an exemplary representative of the graduating class.

Each school must specify in writing the criteria upon which a valedictorian is selected for the school.

Each school must communicate the criteria and the selection process (for example, in the school handbook and on the school website) in order to ensure clarity and transparency.

Each school must also specify the process it will use to revoke the selection of a valedictorian should the need arise.

Each school year the department provides a cash award to each school to be given to the valedictorians. The amount of the cash award provided to each school is set out in Appendix 'A' of this policy.

APPLICATION

This policy applies to all Yukon secondary schools.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In situations where the individual circumstances of a case are such that the provisions of this policy cannot be applied or to do so would result in an unfair or an unintended result, the decision may be based on the individual merits and justice of the situation. Such a decision will be considered for that specific case only and will not be precedent setting.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy is effective May 1, 2017.

HISTORY

Valedictorian Policy, effective June 19, 2008; amended effective May 1, 2017.

Appendix 'A'

Cash Award

The amount that the department provides each school year to each school to be given to the valedictorian for the school is \$250.00.