

Brighton High School Valedictorian/Salutatorian Scoring Rubric

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are determined using a step-by-step point system. Categories are reviewed one at a time in a predetermined order. After each category is evaluated, if one student earns more points and breaks the tie, the process stops, and that student is awarded the title. If students remain tied, the next category is reviewed.

The maximum possible score is 100 points; however, the process may conclude before all 100 points are calculated if a tie is broken earlier. This rubric is designed to recognize sustained academic excellence, college readiness, commitment to academic rigor, and mastery of college-level coursework.

Component Breakdown

Component	Maximum Points	Description
Unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA)	40	Primary indicator of sustained academic excellence.
ACT Composite Score	20	Standardized measure of college readiness.
ACT Subject Scores	10	Measures consistency across academic areas.
Advanced Coursework (AP & CE)	20	Reflects rigor and willingness to challenge oneself.
AP Exam Scores	10	Demonstrates mastery of college-level content.

Tie Breaking Criteria

1. 4.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) (40 Points)

Points are based on the student's cumulative unweighted GPA. The highest GPA Score wins the tiebreaker. Students with a GPA below 4.0 will not be considered for Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

2. ACT Composite Score (Max 20 Points)

Points are based on the student's highest official ACT Composite Score, not super score. The lowest score considered is 30. The highest points awarded wins the tiebreaker.

ACT Composite Score	Points Awarded
36	20
35	19
34	18
33	17
32	16
31	15
30	14

3. ACT Subject Scores (Max 10 Points)

Points are based on the average of the four ACT subject scores (English, Math, Reading, Science), assessing consistency across content areas. We look at the highest composite score, and use the accompanying subject scores and will not consider super scores*. The highest points awarded wins the tiebreaker.

*With the changes in science being optional, Brighton withholds the right to eliminate that score from consideration if not all eligible participants have completed the science section.

Average ACT Subject Score	Points Awarded
34–36	10
32–33	9
30–31	8
28–29	7

Average ACT Subject Score	Points Awarded
Below 28	Scale down

4. Advanced Placement (AP) & Concurrent Enrollment (CE) Coursework (Max 20 Points)

Points are based on the total number of Advanced Placement (AP) and Concurrent Enrollment (CE) courses successfully taken and passed (grade of C or higher). The highest points awarded wins the tiebreaker.

Total AP + CE Courses Passed	Points Awarded
10+ courses	20
8–9 courses	18
6–7 courses	16
4–5 courses	14
2–3 courses	12
0–1 course	10

5. Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Scores (Max 10 Points)

Points are based on the student's average score across all AP examinations taken. Exams should align with AP courses when available. The highest points awarded wins the tiebreaker.

Average AP Exam Score	Points Awarded
4.5–5.0	10
4.0–4.4	9
3.5–3.9	8
3.0–3.4	7
Below 3.0	Scale down