

Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union
Arlington School Town District
Sandgate School Town District

ACADEMIC HONORS / CLASS RANK
Code F38

Class rank shall be determined for the top six students for the purposes of determining Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and the UVM Green and Gold Scholarship. The following criteria shall be used:

1. Based on seat time, students earn 1 point for the successful completion of a high school honors course, 1.5 points for the successful completion of an AP course and 1.5 points for a college course. Points will also be awarded for AMHS approved online courses that meet the above criteria.
2. The points accumulated from honors and AP classes will be used as a percent increase in the Grade Point Average (GPA). For example, a student with a GPA of 95 and 10 points from honors and AP classes will have their GPA increased by 10%. The adjusted GPA would be 110% of 95 or 104.5.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

1. Eligibility.
 - a. Students who have been enrolled for a minimum of 2 1/2 years in a public or state-approved independent school* and who have been continuously enrolled at AMHS from the beginning of their senior year are eligible for Valedictorian and Salutatorian.
 - b. Students need a minimum of 8 points. Total point determination will be calculated at the end of the first semester of senior year as outlined above.
2. Determination
 - c. The student with the highest adjusted GPA among the students who meet the 8-point minimum will be named Valedictorian, and the student with the second highest adjusted GPA in this group will be named Salutatorian. If two or more students have the same adjusted GPA for either distinction, then the student with the greater number of points will earn the distinction.
 - d. The Valedictorian or the Salutatorian must maintain performance consistent with the distinction, or their status will be reviewed and they may lose the distinction
 - e. Class rank for the top five seniors will be calculated at the same time and in the same manner as Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

Green and Gold Scholarship

1. Eligibility
 - a. Students who have been enrolled for a minimum of 2 years in a public or state-approved independent school* and who have been continuously enrolled at AMHS from the beginning of their junior year are eligible for the UVM Green and Gold Scholarship
 - b. Students need a minimum of 6 points. Total point determination for the UVM Green and Gold Scholarship will be calculated at the end of junior year.
 - c. Points will only be awarded for completed courses.
2. Determination.
 - a. The student with the highest adjusted GPA among the students who meet a 6-point minimum will be awarded the UVM Green and Gold Scholarship.

Early Graduation

1. Students who wish to graduate at the end of their junior year are eligible for the distinction of Valedictorian or Salutatorian provided they meet the 8-point minimum requirement.
2. Students who wish to graduate at the end of their junior year are not eligible to receive the UVM Green and Gold Scholarship.

This policy will be effective beginning with the Class of 2017.

***Non- AMHS approved Online and home-school grades will not be included in the adjusted GPA calculation or point determination.**

	Date Adopted	Replaces Policy
Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union	2/25/15	
Arlington Town School District	2/11/15	
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