

I. GRADUATION CEREMONIES

The graduation ceremony symbolizes the successful completion of at least twelve years of student concentrated efforts. The Board of Education believes that the ceremony should reflect the proper dignity and decorum of such an important event.

The students, parents and community have the right to expect an appropriate graduation ceremony. The school may reasonably require proper attire and behavior of students in order for them to participate in the graduation ceremonies. These expectations should be communicated to the students.

No student will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies unless they have met all requirements for graduation as set forth by the State of New Mexico and the Lordsburg Board of Education. Such requirements must have been met by the time of the graduation ceremony in order for the student to participate.

Students may be denied participation in the graduation ceremony because of debts owed the school or for other non-academic purpose unless otherwise prohibited by law or regulation.

Mandatory practice sessions shall be held for students speaking in graduation ceremonies.

II. SELECTION OF HONOR GRADUATES

The class valedictorian will be the student with a grade point average of at least 3.750 who has the highest grade point average in the class. The salutatorian will be the student with a grade point average of at least 3.500 who has the second highest grade point average. The awards will go to seniors who were enrolled at Lordsburg High School by the last day of the school year before they graduate. Transfer students must have earned credits from a state or regional accrediting agency to be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian honors. Other honor students will be those who have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher throughout their high school career. Students may be considered for selection as honor students if they were enrolled at Lordsburg High School by the beginning of the second semester of the school year they graduate.

Selection of honor graduates and determination of class rank shall occur as follows:

- Determination will begin with student performance during his/her first semester of the ninth grade.
- Determination will be based upon all courses attempted by a student that are applicable to graduation requirements.
- Individual course grades shall be restricted to 4, 3, 2, 1, and 0.

- **Calculation to determine cumulative grade point average must account for number of credits awarded per course and weighting for honors courses.**
- **Total cumulative grade point average, on a common 4.0 scale, will then determine honors and class rank.**
- **A student shall not be eligible for selection as an honor graduate if, during their high school years, they have faced discipline for a major offense (as defined in the school's discipline procedures).**

Notification of the unofficial honors recipients will be made after the second semester mid-term grading period. Final official award notifications will be made after the calculations at the conclusion of the second semester.

Grade point averages will be rounded off to the nearest thousandth of a point. If students are tied with identical GPA they will be declared co-valedictorian and/or co-salutatorian.

Lordsburg High School student handbooks will list honors and weighted-gpa classes offered.