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SUBJECT: CLASS RANK

The Board of Education wishes to recognize outstanding academic achievement and shall use a system of computing grade average to inform graduating students of their class standing. Such information may also be sent to prospective employers and post-secondary institutions.

Class Rank Computation

Grades for all classes taken would be computed to determine class rank. At the end of the first semester of the senior year, final class rank will be computed.

Transfer Students

To be considered for first and second honors, i.e., valedictorian and salutatorian, a transfer student must have been in attendance *for three (3) of the four (4) years of high school and must be a prospective graduate of Edwards-Knox Central School.* A grade conversion chart shall be applied to grades of students who transfer from a school which uses an alternate marking method.

Early Graduation

Students that elect to graduate early will remain ranked with their 9th grade cohort class.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The valedictorian will be selected after the first semester of the senior year. The student with the highest overall average will be valedictorian and will be asked to give the valedictory speech at commencement.

The salutatorian will be selected after the first semester of the senior year. The student with the second highest overall average will be salutatorian and will be asked to give the salutatory speech at commencement.

Dissemination/Notification

The policy on Class Rank will be disseminated to appropriate school officials and will also be published in the student handbook.

Determining Class Ranking

- a) All credit bearing courses will count toward the seven (7) semester average and courses are weighted according to the credit they offer. Grades 9, 10, 11 and the first semester of the 12th grade will constitute the seven (7) semesters upon which class rank is based. However, 9th grade

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courses taught at the junior high level will also be included in the seven (7) semester cumulative average.

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b) Eligibility:

1. To be eligible for senior class ranking, a student must be a prospective graduate of Edwards-Knox Central School.
2. To be eligible to be named valedictorian or salutatorian, a student must be in attendance in the Edwards-Knox Central School District three (3) of the four (4) years of high school and maintain a full course load at E-K in their fourth or senior year.

c) All students completing their program of study by commencement will be eligible to receive local scholarships.

d) College courses used to fulfill school or state requirements will count toward the cumulative average according to the credit they offer. If the course is used solely for college credit, the grade will not be used in determining the class ranking.

e) Grade Conversion Systems

A+	98	4.0	95
A	95	3.5	90
A-	92	3.0	85
B+	88	2.5	80
B	85	2.0	75
B-	82	1.5	70
C+	78	1.0	65
C	75	.05	60
C-	72	0.0	55
D+	69		
D	67		
D-	65		
F	55		

f) All students that achieve a ninety percent (90%) cumulative average or greater shall be recognized as Honor Graduates.