

1 **Board Policies**

**Blair-Taylor School District**

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3 **Series: 400**  
4 **Section: 460**  
5 **Policy #: 461**

**STUDENTS**  
**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP/  
VALEDICTORIAN-SALUTATORIAN SELECTION**

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10 Section 39.41, of Wisconsin Statutes, establishes a program to award scholarships to the 12th grade pupil  
11 who has the highest grade point average computed to 3 decimal places. By February 15th of each year,  
12 each high school shall provide to the state superintendent the name of the 12th grade pupil who has the  
13 highest grade point average in all subjects taken for credit, based on seven (7) semesters of the pupil's  
14 grade 9 through 12 experience.

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16 The selection of the valedictorian and salutatorian will also be made at this time. If multiple students have a  
17 4.0 grade point or higher, each of these students will be named as a valedictorian with the student achieving  
18 the highest grade point (computed to 3 decimal places) named as the eligible recipient of the Academic  
19 Excellence Scholarship and the second highest as the eligible recipient of the Herried Scholarship. The  
20 student with the next highest grade point below a 4.0 will be named as the salutatorian.

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22 The grade point shall be based on a 4.0 grade point scale; with the grade of "A" equaling 4.0. Weighted  
23 grades will be used in computing this average. In the event that two or more pupils have the identical grade  
24 point average, then the following procedure will be utilized to determine tie-breakers among those students  
25 and make the scholarship awards.

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27 1. The composite score from each student's ACT.  
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29 2. In the event that composite scores are identical, then the individual test scores of the ACT will  
30 determine tie-breakers, starting first with English, followed by Reading Comprehension, followed by  
31 Math and Science. All test scores must come from one ACT.  
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33 Students transferring in from Home-Based Education will not be considered for the Academic Excellence  
34 Scholarship unless they have attended a minimum of four (4) full semesters with one of those semesters  
35 being the 8th semester of a four-year high school.  
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42 **LEGAL REFERENCE: 39.41 Wis. Statute**

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