Adopted: Wheaton ISD #803 Policy 630

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### 630 SENIOR AWARDS AND HONORS

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to describe requirements to be eligible for senior honors.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school district has established a procedure by which students shall be recognized for senior academic awards. This procedure includes the adoption of residency requirements and academic performance standards. The school district strives to recognize and reward high academic standards and student performance.

## **III. DEFINITIONS**

Beginning the 2015-16 school year, WHS will no longer have a valedictorian and salutatorian. WHS will honor seniors using a collegiate system as follows:

Cum Laude - Students who have accumulated a grade point average of <u>3.600-3.799</u> of final grades earned in grades nine through three quarters of grade 12.

Magna Cum Laude - Students who have accumulated a grade point average of **3.800- 3.999** of final grades earned in grades nine through three quarters of grade 12.

Summa Cum Laude - Students who have accumulated a grade point average of **4.000 and above** of final grades earned in grades nine through three guarters of grade 12.

Full time Student — Student is enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credit producing classes per semester.

#### IV. RESIDENCY

### A. Local Enrollment Status

To be eligible to receive Wheaton Area High School senior honors of valedictorian, salutatorian, graduation with distinction, or graduation with honors, a student must be a full-time student at Wheaton Area High School for a minimum of their senior year or one full school year immediately prior to enrollment as a full time Post Secondary Enrollment Options student. A student who is enrolled less than full time as a Post-

Secondary Enrollment Options Student and less than full time as a Wheaton Area High School Student must have a total enrollment that is equivalent to full time student status.

# **B. Transfer Students**

Students transferring from another public, private or state approved home school would receive full credit for grades recorded on their official transcript. A transfer student must be enrolled as a full-time student with the Wheaton Area High School prior to October 1 of their last year at Wheaton Area High School to be eligible for senior awards.