

BACKUP FOR #1POL
FOR PUBLIC AGENDA OF AUGUST 10, 2020
(First Reading)

1POL **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fort Lee Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the **first reading of the following policy/regulation updates** listed below. [Click here for 2020-08-10 #1POL Back-up](#)

Policy/Reg No.	Topic
Policy 5440	Honoring Student Achievement

HONORING STUDENT ~~PUPIL~~ ACHIEVEMENT

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The Board of Education values excellence and wishes to inculcate in **students** ~~pupils~~ the desire to do their best in all things. It shall be the policy of this Board, therefore, to recognize outstanding accomplishments in the areas of academics, arts, athletics, and service.

The Board encourages the certified staff to develop criteria and procedures for presenting suitable awards to ~~pupils~~ **students** for scholarship and distinguished service in any school activity. In all cases, the relationship between the award and the relevant goal or goals of the schools should be pointed out. The procedures may include certificates, assemblies, or other special marks of recognition.

The Superintendent or designee shall review and advise the Board on approval or rejection of proposed trophies, prizes, scholarships, or other awards from nonschool donors using criteria including but not limited to the following:

1. The criteria for making the award are under the control of the certified staff or are acceptable to the staff.
2. The purposes, either implied or explicit, of the proposed award are consistent with district goals.
3. The proposed award is free from bias as outlined in the district's affirmative action/equal opportunity program.

The Board reserves final judgment.

The Superintendent/designee shall devise procedures for:

1. Selection of recipients;
2. Dissemination of information regarding criteria for selection to all **students** ~~pupils~~ and parent(s) or legal guardian(s); and
3. Criteria for selection of **students** ~~pupils~~ to participate in activities in which the number of participants is necessarily limited.



HONORING STUDENT ~~PUPIL~~ ACHIEVEMENT

The Board will recognize the outstanding achievements of **students** ~~pupils~~ by means appropriate to the grade level of the **student** ~~pupil~~ and to the nature of the accomplishment.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations for the recognition of **student** ~~pupil~~ achievement that:

1. Establish fair standards for recognition;
2. Assure that all eligible **students**-~~pupils~~ are offered an equal opportunity to meet those standards; and
3. Provide for appropriate recognition ceremonies and awards.

Valedictorians

In each school graduating class, the **student** ~~pupil~~ who has earned the highest grade point average **following the 7th semester of senior year** shall be named valedictorian provided that any **student** ~~pupil~~ so named shall have been enrolled in the Fort Lee District for at least two years.

Grade point average shall be determined in accordance with the regulations of this policy and shall, for the purpose of this recognition, be calculated at the end of each year. In the event the highest or next highest grade point average has been earned by two or more **students** ~~pupils~~, both or all the **students** ~~pupils~~ who have tied for first or second place shall be named co-valedictorians.

Honor Rolls

In the interest of encouraging and recognizing outstanding academic achievement in grade six, the middle school and the high school, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to establish through the Principals, criteria and procedures for the placement of **students** ~~pupils~~ in grades six through twelve on academic honor rolls.

1. Every **student** ~~pupil~~ enrolled in grade six, the middle school, and high school shall be considered under the criteria for placement on the specific honor roll(s).
2. Achievement in all subject areas shall be considered.

Class Rank



HONORING STUDENT PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

The Board of Education acknowledges the usefulness of a system of computing grade point averages and class rank for secondary school graduates, both to inform **students pupils** of their relative academic placement among their peers and to provide **students pupils**, prospective employers, and institutions of higher learning with a predictive device so that each **student pupil** is more likely to be placed in an environment conducive to success.

The Board authorizes a system of class rank, by grade point average, for **students pupils** in grades nine through twelve. The method by which the class rank is reported to the colleges will be by a decile rank rather than a numerical rank. Decile is division by ten percent. For the purpose of scholarship and admission to service academies, the Guidance Department shall report a more specific rank as necessary.

All **students pupils** shall be ranked together. **Students Pupils** who have attended the Fort Lee High School for less than two years, and special education **students pupils** whose academics are taken in resource centers, shall not be ranked except when required by the service academies or other post graduate institutions.

Class rank will be calculated by the final grade in all academic subjects, except those subjects for which no credit is awarded, and will not include failing grades. Weighted credit will be calculated for grades earned in advanced placement and honors courses. The class rank of a **student pupil** who has transferred to this district will include the grades earned in the regular program of the prior school. Grades earned in private summer school programs will not be included in the calculation of class rank.

Any two or more **students pupils** whose computed grade point averages are identical will be given the same rank. The rank of the **student pupil** who immediately follows a tied position will be determined by the total number of all preceding **students pupils** not by the rank of the immediately preceding **student pupil**.

A **student's pupil's** grade point average and decile rank in class will be entered on the **student's pupil's** record and will be subject to policy on the release of **student-pupil** records.

National Honor Societies

Members are chosen for scholarship, leadership, character, and service by a six-member faculty committee. The National Honor Society is open to **students pupils** in grades ten through twelve.



Athletic Awards

The Board of Education believes that interscholastic sports are an integral part of the school program and will recognize the achievements of **students pupils** who give many hours of their time in the district athletic program. Sports are tools by which school becomes relevant to many **students pupils** whether through direct participation or school identification.

Individual athletic achievement will be recognized by the award of a letter. All members of a championship team or group in interscholastic competition will be given special recognition.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the recognition of **student pupil** athletes that insure the:

1. Equitable selection of award recipients;
2. Designation of appropriate awards; and
3. Arrangement of suitable presentation ceremonies.

Service Participation

School service groups shall be recognized for participation in order to emphasize the importance of good citizenship in school life as outlined in the course of study.

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