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WISCONSIN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Columbus School District shall annually designate an academic scholar for purposes of the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship. The scholar shall be the senior with the highest grade point average (GPA). The scholar shall be named in accordance with timelines required by law. The GPA shall be determined in accordance with established Board policy.

Since the Higher Education Scholarship is offered by the State of Wisconsin to one student in the Columbus High School graduating class who has earned the highest cumulative grade point average, and the opportunity for students to have identical grade points may exist, the following guidelines in rank order will be used to determine the recipient in the event of identical cumulative grade point averages at the first decimal place.

GUIDELINES

1. The student who plans to attend a school that would be eligible to accept this award.
2. The student with the most grade points earned in advanced placement courses.
3. The students composite ACT scores (best of the first two) or SAT scores if applicable, will be compared if a tie still exists.
4. The students NMSQT selection index scores will be compared if a tie still exists.
5. The student will develop a personal resume. A committee of Columbus High School faculty and the High School Principal will judge the resume.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES REQUIRED BY CHAPTER HEA 9 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE:

6. In order to be eligible for the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship in the District, a student must have completed three semesters of course work while enrolled in the Columbus High School, including the final two semesters.
7. The student must have earned 19.5 credits before the beginning of the year they are eligible for the scholarship. To attain senior status, a student must be in at least his/her fourth year of high school and have earned at least 19.5 credits.
8. Beginning with the Class of 2002, all classes will be graded on a four-point scale and all graded classes will be included in calculating cumulative grade point average (see Columbus High School student handbook).

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9. Pass/Fail courses will not be counted in calculating cumulative grade point average.
10. Courses completed from study abroad, alternative or home school, and grades earned in another country by students with permanent resident status will be reviewed by the principal and guidance department to determine their validity. Appropriate high school faculty may be included in the review if necessary.

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HEA 9

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