

McAdam High School



“Once a Warrior, always a Warrior”

Procedures for Selection of Valedictorian for the 2026 Graduating Class

The time of year has arrived to select a member of your class for the position of Class Valedictorian.

Criteria (as outlined in the MHS Student Handbook 2025-2026, pp. 5-6)

1. Students with at least an overall average of 80% for Gr. 11 and 12 (up to the latest available report card marks available) and with 3 signatures of support from the graduating class can apply to be Valedictorian.
 - a. There will be no ‘extra weighting’ of particular courses. (i.e., A student with more senior math courses will not be deemed more worthy of the Valedictorian role.)
 - b. The cutoff for marks will depend on the editing deadlines of the yearbook to allow for the Valedictorian’s page to be submitted in time for publication.

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1. Interested students will complete the required expression of interest form and **submit to Ms. Bourgaize by 9:00 am on March 18.**
2. Should the applicant meet the eligibility requirements, they will be invited to write and present their proposed Valedictory Address to a committee of staff (decided by the Principal).
 - Presentations will be in person.
 - Speeches should not exceed 5 minutes.
 - The selection committee will use the following criteria to select the Valedictorian:
 - ✓ clear message
 - ✓ body language
 - ✓ voice
 - ✓ connection to audience
 - ✓ representation of the Grad Class experience
 - ✓ time
3. The successful candidate will submit their written speech as a Word Document by **March 31**, the required Yearbook Deadline, and present their speech at Graduation in June. Students commit to this deadline when applying to be Valedictorian.

Committee Presentations

Presentations will occur over **lunch hour on March 26**. Students will be assigned a time to present and must attend during their scheduled timeslot.

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