

- (3) **Career Education Certificate of Program Completion** - awarded (in addition to a diploma) to students successfully completing a vocational job-preparatory program as outlined in the State of Florida Department of Education and the School District of Palm Beach County Educational guidelines [Florida Statute §1003.431 & 1003.491]

RECOGNITION OF VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN

To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian recognition, a student must have attended the same Palm Beach County School District public school for three years, two of which must be the junior and senior years. A student who is required to change schools due to a District initiated boundary change will be eligible to share the recognition as valedictorian or salutatorian with a fully eligible student, without meeting the three-year attendance requirement in the same school. However, the student must have been enrolled in District public schools for three years.

Students selecting a three-year graduation option may be eligible for co-valedictorian/salutatorian, but an early admission student enrolled full-time in a college or university will not be eligible for this recognition.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Calculation

- The valedictorian/salutatorian award will be based on grades earned after promotion from eighth grade through the first semester of twelfth grade.
- The valedictorian will be the student with the highest honor point average (HPA), carried to the ten-thousandth place.
- The salutatorian will be the student with the second highest HPA, carried to the ten-thousandth place.
- In the case of a tie for the highest HPA, co-valedictorians will be named, and the student with the third highest HPA will be designated as salutatorian. In the case of a tie for the second highest HPA, co-salutatorians will be named.

BRIGHT FUTURES

Florida Department of Education Bright Futures Scholarship Program [Florida Statute §1009.531]

A Bright Futures Scholar **must**:

- be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, as determined by the college or university,
- be a graduate of a high school within Florida,
- **not** have been convicted of, or have pleaded nolo contendere (no contest) to, a felony charge, **and** begin using the award within three years of graduation from high school and attend a Florida public or private postsecondary institution for at least six credit hours per semester. **An initially eligible student who enlists in the military immediately after high school graduation begins his/her three-year period upon date of separation from active duty.** [Florida Statute §1009.531]