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MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FILE SECTOR: STUDENTS
**POLICY TITLE: WISCONSIN ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE HIGHER EDUCATION
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Medford Area Public School District will participate in the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship Program as determined by state law. The board of education shall name the 12th grade student or students who have the highest grade point average(s) in all subjects completed during grades 9-12. The selection procedures followed will be based on state law and guidelines set forth by the Wisconsin Higher Education Aids Board. The number of scholars named will be officially designated by the Higher Education Aids Board based on enrollment.

Annually, at the end of the last full semester preceding February 15, the board of education shall select the senior(s) with the highest grade point average(s) using seven (7) semesters of approved semester grades and based on the decimal system as referenced in the "Grading System" policy (A=4.00, A-=3.67, B+=3.33, B=3.00, B-=2.67, C+=2.33, C=2.00, C-=1.67, D+=1.33, D=1.00, D-=.67, E=.33, F=.00). For purposes of selecting the scholar and alternate, grade point average shall include the same number of places past the decimal that the Medford Area Senior High uses on the official high school transcript. Weighted grades, as provided for in district policy, will be used to determine grade point average for the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship. All courses completed at Medford Area Senior High School or transferred in accordance with school policy (as referenced in home-based or transfer policy), during grades 9-12, that are acceptable toward graduation, will be included in the grade point average. In the case of transfer students, only those credits accepted by the school, at the time of transfer, will apply. Courses that are taken outside the regular school calendar and/or curriculum will be counted only if they apply toward graduation and if they have been approved for credit, in writing, by the principal.

In order to qualify for this scholarship, a student must have attended Medford Area Senior High School for two (2) full semesters preceding the senior year and attend for the complete senior year (7th and 8th semester).

For the purpose of this scholarship, a student who has transferred into the Medford Area Public School District may be considered to have senior standing when he/she has sufficient approved credits so that he/she can meet all of the Medford Area Senior High School graduation requirements within one school year. A student must also, by the end of the seventh (7th) semester, have at least 20 credits of approved courses that have been assigned a letter grade based on the district's "Grading System" policy. Pass/fail grades, grades earned in another country, or any other grades that have not been approved based on district policy will not be included in the grade point average, nor will they count toward the above required 20 credits.

In the case of ties (two or more students with the same grade point average), the following shall be applied in the order indicated:

1. If the tied students have all taken the ACT test, prior to the first day of class their senior year, the student will be selected who has the highest composite standard score on his/her highest ACT Test, as recorded on his/her permanent record card. Only ACT Tests already taken and recorded on the permanent record card at the time of determination will be used. If any of the tied students have not taken the ACT Test or if there still exists a tie because of exactly the same ACT composite scores, step two should be used.
2. If, after step one has been tried and there is still a tie, the students total grade points shall be determined counting only the courses accepted previously for grade point average. The student with the most grade points shall be selected.
3. If, after both steps have been tried, there still exists a tie, the winner shall be determined by adding the sub scores of the ACT.
4. If, after all steps have been tried, there still exists a tie, the winner shall be determined by the flip of a coin conducted by the president of the board of education, at a time to be determined by the board of education.

CROSS REFERENCE: IKA, JECBB & JECBB-R

LEGAL REFERENCE: §39.41, Wis. Stats., HEA 9 Wis. Admin. Code