



New Westminster Secondary School
Application and Selection for Valedictorian 2024

Valedictorian Criteria:

- The nominee must be in good student standing
- Demonstrates a commitment to the school and community through extra-curricular involvement (e.g. volunteer work, clubs, service, participation on sports teams)
- Serves as a student leader and role model; respected by the students of the graduating class

Selection Process:

- The Valedictorian Staff Committee consisting of, The Principal, a Vice Principal, and 2 other staff representatives
- The selected candidates will participate in an interview with the committee
- The committee will select the top candidate for Valedictorian

Application Process: Due date is Friday May 24, 2023 (by 12:00 PM - NOON) and submitted at the office.

***Please complete items #1-3 below and submit your application by the due date.**

Please return your completed application to the NWSS office – attention Valedictorian Committee.

- 1. Obtain support from three staff members and three Gr 12 student peers – provide names on application.**
- 2. A 250-word summary identifying the reasons why you should be selected as Valedictorian.**
- 3. A summary of the inspirational message you wish to convey to your graduating classmates in your valedictory address.**

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Interview expectations:

- ✓ The nominee must be capable of composing a speech that is four to five minutes in length.
- ✓ Representation of the graduating class in an appropriate manner.
- ✓ Incorporate an appropriate theme.
- ✓ The nominee must be able to deliver this speech in a clear, engaging manner for the 2023 School Leaving Ceremony.
- If chosen, Commit to participating in meeting with the *Valedictorian Committee* including:
 - a) A review of the purpose for a valedictory address and the content;
 - b) A review of the rough draft of your valedictory address; and
 - c) A review of the edited version of your valedictory address.
- **Valedictorian interviews will take place after school the week of June 3rd - June 7th.**

If you have any questions please contact:

[Mr. McLeod at mmcleod@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:mmcleod@sd40.bc.ca) or [Ms. Quan at squan@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:squan@sd40.bc.ca)

Teacher references in support of your application for valedictorian (**Printed Name and Signature**):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Student references in support of your application for valedictorian (**Printed Name and Signature**):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____