

**[ DECS ORDER NO. 49 S. 1992, May 13, 1992 ]**

**SELECTION OF HONOR STUDENTS IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

To give due recognition to graduating students who have shown exemplary performance in their high school work, guidelines have been formulated for the selection of honor students.

The guidelines (see below) contained in the inclosure shall be implemented starting SY 1992-1993 in all public and private secondary schools. Teachers, parents, and students must be given orientation on the scheme at the beginning of the school year.

Final selection and announcement of honor students should be made not earlier than thirty (30) days nor later than fifteen (15) days before the commencement exercises or graduation rites.

Protests filed ten days before the commencement exercises shall not be entertained.

It is desired that this Order be immediately disseminated to all concerned. All rules and regulations inconsistent with this Order are hereby amended and rescinded.

Adopted: 13 May 1992

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*Secretary*

**GUIDELINES ON THE SELECTION OF HONOR STUDENTS**

The designation "valedictorian", "salutatorian", and "honorable mention" shall apply to graduating honor students in all secondary schools.

There shall be one valedictorian and one salutatorian for all the graduating classes. *However, in case of a tie between two candidates, both may be declared valedictorians or salutatorians.*

The number of students to be declared "honorable mention" in a secondary school shall be one percent (1%) of the total of graduating students.

Any member of the graduating class is eligible to be a candidate for honors if he meets the following requirements:

a. He must have no grade lower than 80 in any subject during his third and fourth years in any grading period as recorded in the student's Forms 137 and 138-A. In no case shall the student have a failing grade in any subject required by DECS,