



New Westminster Secondary School
Application and Selection for Valedictorian 2020

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, Grade 12 Vice Principal, Grade 12 Counsellor and a Grade 12 Teacher Representative
- The selected candidates will participate in a virtual interview with the committee
- The committee will select the top candidate for Valedictorian.

Application Process: (Due Monday May 25, 2020 by 3:30pm)

- 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. (Please have this written and prepared to read for the interview)**
 - ✓ The nominee must be capable of composing, with the assistance of a teacher, 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 virtual 2020 School Leaving Ceremony.
- 4. Commit to participating in meeting virtually 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.
- 5. Please return your completed application by email to jlekakis@sd40.bc.ca**
- 6. Valedictorian interviews will take place on Tuesday, May 26th or Wednesday, May 27th.**

If you have any questions please contact:

Ms. Vit – Grade 12 counsellor · cvit@sd40.bc.ca

Mr. Lekakis – Grade 12 Vice-Principal · jlekakis@sd40.bc.ca

Teacher references in support of your application for valedictorian:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Student references in support of your application for valedictorian:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____