

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY	POLICY: 461
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Criteria for Selecting Eligible Students for the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship

Academic Excellence Scholarships (AES) are awarded to Wisconsin high school seniors who have the highest grade point average in each public and private high school throughout the State of Wisconsin.

The number of scholarships each high school is eligible for is based on total student enrollment grades 9-12. In order to receive a scholarship, a student must be enrolled on a full-time basis by September 30th of the academic year following the academic year in which he or she was designated as a scholar, at a participating University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Technical College, or independent institution in the state. Any ties will be broken and alternates will be designated as further provided by law and as outlined in this policy. A student who receives a Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship is not eligible to receive a Wisconsin Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship and vice versa.

1. To be eligible for the Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Johnson Creek High School nominee must have been enrolled at Johnson Creek High School for a minimum of two semesters.
2. The nominee will be chosen based upon the GPA taken to three decimal places at the end of seven semesters.
3. The Academic Excellence Scholarship recipient must be a senior at the beginning of the semester prior to the February 15 deadline.
4. Senior status is defined as a student beginning his/her seventh semester in high school. High school begins in grade nine.
5. The WAES recipient must be a full time student of the Johnson Creek School District.
6. When computing GPA, a grade of A+/A = 4 pts., A- = 3.67, B+ = 3.3, B = 3, B- = 2.67, C+ = 2.3, C = 2.0, C- = 1.67, D+ = 1.3, D = 1.0, D- = .67, F = 0 pts. The use of pluses and minuses with grades will be computed into the GPA.
7. A student that transfers into Johnson Creek High School shall have their grades transferred on an A through F grade scale. GPAs that are based on other scales shall be transferred to our scale by the guidance counselor, high school principal, and district administrator.
8. The GPA shall be based on all classes. Any Pass/Fail grade will not be averaged into the overall GPA.

If two or more students who qualify for the Academic Excellence Scholarship have the same grade point average (GPA) after the end of the semester prior to the February 15 deadline, the following guidelines shall be used to break a tie. These criteria shall be applied in the order given and shall continue to be applied until a tie no longer exists:

1. The student who shows evidence of acceptance to a participating Wisconsin institution the beginning date of the final semester shall be the nominee.
2. The student with the highest composite ACT score available as of the beginning of the final semester shall be the nominee.
3. The student with the highest GPA in core classes (English, science, social studies and math) through the semester prior to February 15 shall be the nominee.
4. The student with the most credits through the semester prior to February 15 shall be the nominee.
5. The nominee shall be chosen through a random selection method agreed upon by the two (or more) finalists.

The district shall not discriminate in the selection of eligible students for the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, color, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

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