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Aloha Parents and Guardians:

This letter is to notify you that starting in the 2022 - 2023 school year with the Class of 2026, Kea'au High School will be permitting only one Valedictorian to speak at Graduation. We believe the Valedictorian, representing their class, should be an honor and prestigious position bestowed upon the student with the highest work ethic and the one individual who has worked throughout their school career to accomplish the highest standing.

The current requirement to become a Valedictorian with the Hawaii Department of Education is:

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of Social Studies
- 3 credits of Mathematics
- 3 credits of Science
- 2 credits of World Language, Fine Arts, **OR** CTE (Career Technical Education)
- 1 credit of Physical Education
- .5 credit of Health
- .5 credit of Personal Transition Plan
- 6 credits of Elective
- Meet all requirements for an Honors Recognition Certificate
- Cumulative GPA of 4.0 or higher

All Valedictorians will be acknowledged in the Graduation Program with only the top Valedictorian being given the opportunity to address the Graduates during the Ceremony.

Should you have any questions regarding Valedictorian status and credits please contact your students Counselor.

Mahalo for your time!

Sincerely,

Dean Cevallos  
Principal

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