

## 5440 HONORING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

The Board of Education believes that pupil achievement should be recognized at all levels in a manner appropriate to the pupil's accomplishment.

The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to develop criteria and procedures for presenting awards to pupils for scholarship and outstanding accomplishments in the arts, athletics and citizenship.

The Superintendent shall review and advise the Board on acceptance of proposed trophies, prizes, scholarships or other awards from non-school donors. Any such proposed award shall be free from bias as outlined in the district's affirmative action program.

The Board promotes excellence in all areas of the educational program. Desiring to recognize outstanding performance, the Board shall reserve time at the beginning of regular Board meetings in January and June to honor achievement in academic, athletic and co-curricular school sponsored activities. Such distinguished achievements bring honor and acclaim not only to the pupil and the pupil's family, but to the entire community. Outstanding achievement shall be recognized as follows:

### A. Resolution

Academics including National Merit Scholarship qualifier, regional first place academic awards, athletics including area, county and conference championships, and pupil athlete first team selection, music/co-curricular including All-Region Ensembles.

### B. Resolution and Certificate

Academics including National Merit Scholarship finalist and winner, national and Statewide first place academic awards; perfect SAT score; athletics including regional, State and national championships as well as first team pupil athletes (all groups); music/co-curricular including All-Eastern and All-State Ensembles, Governor's School finalist, regional championships and other national ensembles by audition.

The school Principal shall submit the pupil's names for consideration at least two weeks prior to the designated Board meeting. Names of pupils and staff eligible to receive recognition shall be submitted as soon as the honor is received.



## Scholarships and Awards

Presentation of scholarships and awards to deserving pupils by civic, professional and community organizations is authorized and encouraged.

School Principals will cooperate with all such groups, and will include recipients in school awards assemblies, provided the following regulations are adhered to:

- A. No information concerning a pupil's school record shall be released to groups without prior consent of the pupil, if over eighteen, or the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the pupil, if a minor. All data of a personal nature must be kept in strict confidence;
- B. School Principals and/or members of their staffs shall have a voice in the selection of recipients;
- C. When new scholarships or awards are proposed, information concerning the proposal and criteria for selection of the recipient shall be submitted to the school Principal for approval at least ninety days in advance of the date the award is to be made.

## Honor Roll

Two types of honor roll are authorized: the "distinguished honor roll" and "meritorious honor roll". The honor roll shall be announced at the end of each marking period.

Placement criteria are as follows:

- A. Distinguished honor roll: "A" in all subjects;
- B. Meritorious honor roll: "A" and/or "B" in all subjects.

## Board Award

The Board shall present the Highest Honor Achievement Award annually to the pupil in each high school who ranks at the top of the graduating class. This award shall be presented at the graduation ceremony.

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