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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 761
OWATONNA, MINNESOTA

621 AWARDS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide the school district direction for student achievement awards.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The school board encourages the professional staff to maintain a set of criteria and procedures for presenting letters or other suitable awards to students for scholarship and distinguished service in any school activity. In all cases, the relationship between the award and the relevant goal or goals of the schools should be pointed out.
- B. The professional staff is authorized to review and approve, or reject, proposed trophies, prizes, scholarships or other awards from non-school donors. Acceptance will be based on the following:
1. The proposed award is considered free from motives of personal or corporate gain and publicity.
 2. The criteria for making the award is under the control of the professional staff and acceptable to the staff.
 3. The purposes, either implied or explicit, of the proposed award are consistent with District and school goals.

III. PROCEDURES

A. High School and Junior High School Mark Reporting System

Currently the grades at OJHS and OHS are based on a four-point scale with the following numerical value being assigned to each of the letter grades:

A = 4.0	B = 3.0	C = 2.0	D = 1.0	I = 0.0
A- = 3.67	B- = 2.67	C- = 1.67	D- = 0.67	N = No grade*
B+ = 3.33	C+ = 2.33	D+ = 1.33	F = 0.0	

The AP grades are based on a weighted formula.

**Does not affect honor placement*

B. Honor Roll

An honor roll will be published at the conclusion of each marking period. The honor roll was established to recognize and to promote better scholarship. It will recognize only those students who have very high achievement in the classroom.

The honor roll I or A = 3.670 – 4.000
The honor roll II or B = 3.000 – 3.669

C. Commencement Scholarship Recognition

1. Students shall be recognized at the commencement exercises on both the printed program and by the high school principal.
2. To graduate with high distinction, a student must attain a 3.95 grade point average or be in the top five percent (5%) of the students who are ranked. To graduate with distinction, the student's grade point average must be 3.60 or be in the next ten percent (10%) of the ranked students.

D. Eligibility For Awards

Resident home-schooled students, to include shared time students, are not eligible for Owatonna High School academic awards, honors, or recognition.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. §123.33, Subd. 7
 Minn. Stat. §123.34, Subd. 9
 Minn. Stat. §123.35, Subd. 1

Cross References: Policy 514 Shared Time Students
 Policy 624 Home Schooling