
AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT

General

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/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 nonschool donors. Any such proposed award shall be free from bias as outlined in the district's affirmative action policies.

Academic Recognition

The Board directs the Superintendent establish criteria and procedures for placing pupils in grades two through twelve on academic honor rolls.

At the end of each school year the secondary school graduate with the highest academic average and the secondary school graduate with the second highest academic average and the students demonstrating excellence in each academic discipline will be appropriately recognized by receipt of an inscribed plaque and by financial award.

Curricular/Co-Curricular Recognition

The Board of Education values excellence and wishes to inculcate in students the desire to do their best in all things. It shall be the policy of this Board, therefore, to recognize outstanding academic accomplishment in the curricular or co-curricular programs.

~~At the end of each school year the secondary school graduate with the highest academic average and the secondary school graduate with the second highest academic average and the students demonstrating excellence in each academic discipline will be appropriately recognized by receipt of an inscribed plaque and by financial award.~~ The Board may offer suitable letters, plaques, pins, certificates and the like for individual co-curricular activity achievement.

The Board will recognize the exceptional achievements of students involved in co-curricular activities as follows:

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- A. National recognition in the areas of literature and art, including “images”, Quo Vadis – Framed Certificate
- B. Regional championship include band (inclusive), Odyssey of the Mind – Picture plaque
- C. State/Circuit championships, including band (inclusive), Odyssey of the Mind – Jacket

Community groups wishing to donate other awards to individuals or groups participating in co-curricular activities shall indicate their desire to the Superintendent who shall forward a recommendation to the Board.

At the end of each marking period, those students in grades 6-12 who achieve no grade lower than “B” shall be named to the Honor Roll. Those students who achieve no grade lower than “A” shall be named to the High Honor Roll.

Athletic Recognition

The Board of Education believes that interscholastic sports are an integral part of the school program. Sports are tools by which school becomes relevant to many students either through direct participation or school identification.

The Board wishes to recognize the achievement of pupils who give many hours of their time to represent the school in interscholastic athletics.

- A. The Board may offer suitable letters, plaques, pins, certificates and the like for individual athletic achievement.
- B. Community groups wishing to donate other awards to individual school athletes or teams shall indicate their desires to the Superintendent who shall forward a recommendation to the Board.
- C. The Board will recognize the exceptional athletic performance of all eligible students who are members of a championship team as follows:
 - 1. Conference Division Championship Team – 7” x 9” plaque
 - 2. Overall Conference Championship Team – picture plaque
 - 3. Central Jersey Group and/or State Championship Team – jacket or sweater

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to prepare procedures for the selection of those entitled to awards and the type of awards to be offered.

School service groups shall be recognized for participation in order to emphasize the importance of good citizenship in school life as outlined in the course of study.

Varsity Letters

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A student enrolled in grades 9-12 who participates in any school-sponsored, interscholastic extracurricular activity that includes competitions and/or performances in which the student competes against students enrolled in schools outside of the district and/or performs for individuals outside of the school district may be eligible to earn a varsity letter awarded by the district. The activity advisor or athletic coach may as he or she deems appropriate, submit criteria for awarding varsity letters to the Superintendent or his or her designee for approval. The Superintendent or his or her designee shall approve the criteria for each school-sponsored, interscholastic extracurricular activity that includes competitions prior to varsity letters being awarded.

The activity leader or the athletic coach shall be responsible for development of the criteria for determining outstanding performance that qualifies a student to earn a varsity letter in the activity. The criteria shall apply to all participants in the activity and may include but are not limited to:

- A. The number of participants in the activity;
- B. The length of time the student has participated;
- C. The percentage of competitions/performances the student has participated in;
- D. Attendance at practices, competitions, performances or rehearsals;
- E. Indicators of outstanding effort, performance and teamwork.

The district shall not be required to award a varsity letter or to establish any school-sponsored, interscholastic extracurricular activity.

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Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	1322	Contests for pupils
	3280	Gifts, grants and bequests
	5120	Assessment of individual needs
	5125	Pupil records
	5127	Commencement activities
	5131	Conduct/discipline
	6145.1/6145.2	Intramural competition; interscholastic competition
	6147	Standards of proficiency

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Rationale: Added section on varsity letters to codify practice as well as clarify that varsity letters may be awarded for non-athletic activities that require similar levels of competition, investment of pupil time, and exceptional performance. Relocated awards for the Valedictorian and Salutatorian to the Academic section.