

ACADEMIC PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS – GRADE 5

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

To qualify for a President's Award for Educational Excellence a learner must:

- Achieve a score of 85th percentile or greater in Math or Reading as measured by a STAR test taken during 5th grade or achieve a 4 (Advanced) on the NDSA in Math or Reading from 4th grade. Note: You only need to find one 85th percentile score (or 4) in either Math or Reading to be eligible for this award.
- Maintain all 3's or greater in the subject area that an 85th percentile (or 4 on the NDSA) score is achieved in grade 4 and Trimester 1 and 2 of 5th grade. (For example, if a learner has a score of 87th percentile in Math, then the learner would need all 3's or above in Math)

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT

This award recognizes learners that show outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subjects but do not meet the criteria for the Educational Excellence Award. Its purpose is to encourage and reward learners who give their best effort, often in the face of special obstacles.

The criteria should reflect the award's purpose and be applied fairly to all learners. This award should not be seen as a second-tier award, it is meant to encourage and reward learners who work hard and give their best effort every day.

The following are examples of criteria for which the President's Award for Educational Improvement may be presented:

- Show tremendous growth but did not meet all the criteria for the President's Award for Educational Excellence.
- Demonstrate unusual commitment to learning in academics despite various obstacles.
- Maintain a school record that would have met the school's selection criteria for the President's Award for Educational Excellence but illness, personal crisis, or special needs prevented the learner from maintaining such high standards despite hard work.
- Achieve high scores or show outstanding growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in particular subjects, such as English, math, science, etc.

The statements in this document are intended to provide guidance for daily procedures and practices in order to maintain order, efficiency, and continuity amongst our schools.