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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 chief school administrator/designee to develop criteria and procedures for presenting awards to pupils for scholarship and outstanding accomplishments in the arts, athletics and citizenship.

The chief school administrator 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.

Criteria regarding eligibility and selection for awards shall be disseminated annually to all pupils and parents/guardians.

Academic Recognition

The board directs the chief school administrator/designee to establish criteria and procedures for placing pupils in grades five through eight on academic honor rolls.

Athletic Participation

The board wishes to recognize the achievements of pupils who give many hours of their time to represent the school in interscholastic athletics. Requirements for awards in each sport shall be decided by a committee composed of coaches, athletic director and principal.

Service Participation

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.

Student Attendance

Annually, Perfect student attendance for a given school year shall be recognized.

Legal References:	N.J.S.A. 18A:36-20	Discrimination; prohibition
	N.J.S.A. 18A:71-27	Higher education; scholarship funds; establishment; administration

Possible Cross References:	*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

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

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