

The Braves Medal

For 2026-27

Rationale.

- Graduate Medal Recognition
 - Motivation Science (Maslow & Dweck)
 - Self-Determination Theory (Deci & Ryan)
 - Learners acknowledged for effort, persistence, positive conduct
 - Benefit not just immediate outcomes but long-term sustained behaviors over time
 - Graduate Medal
 - A clear observable standard of excellence that we want to acknowledge and reward
 - Consistent acknowledgement shows to improve
 - School climate
 - Engagement
 - Decreases discipline
 - Striving for excellence becomes the norm
 - Intrinsic and extrinsic motivation
 - Builds habits that carry over to post-secondary success in whatever their First Choice is

Criteria

- 3.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average (Weighted)
- Achieve Pathway One (Advanced/Proficient on all 3 Keystone Exams)
- 6 or less unexcused absences in 11/12th Grades combined
- No suspensions in 11th or 12th Grade
- Participate in one extracurricular activity both 11th and 12th Grade OR log 20 hours of community service each year

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- Begin with juniors in year 2026-27.
- All those who did not score proficient/advanced on their Keystones would be given the opportunity to retake in the Winter Window.
- As an example, this current year we would have approximately 35 graduates wearing this medal.

