

2026-27 School Year
Rio Vista Middle School
Titan Award Procedure

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Students who wish to earn the Titan Award should follow the procedures listed below:

1. Maintain an updated Titan Award Record Sheet.
2. Enter the points he/she has earned in each category.
3. Secure the appropriate verification signatures.
4. Turn in the Titan Award Record Sheet to Kylie Gomez in room 808 by May 3, 2027.

TEACHER/COACH RESPONSIBILITY

The teacher/coach who receives an application shall follow the procedures listed below:

1. The Teacher/Coach will sign the Titan Award Record Sheet for students involved only in the activities the staff member sponsors. A staff member shall not sign for activities he/she does not sponsor.
2. All “office signatures” will be secured after the application is submitted.

TITAN AWARD VERIFICATION

1. The administration will consider all matters where points may be disputed and make a decision.
2. The administration will verify the Titan Award recipients, as well as inform the parents and students of the awards program.

TITAN AWARD RECOGNITION

Students who attain the Titan Award will receive an award that will be presented at the Spring Academic Awards celebration.

TITAN AWARD GUIDELINES

To earn the TITAN AWARD, a student must fulfill the following requirements:

Earn a minimum total of **40 points** for the entire year.

1. Earn a minimum of 5 points from the *Respect* category.
2. Earn a minimum of 5 points from the *Integrity* category.
3. Earn a minimum of 5 points from the *Self-Motivation* category.
4. Earn a minimum of 5 points from the *Excellence* category.

Excellence

Principal's Honors

Four points for each semester in which the student qualifies for the Principal's Honor Roll (4.0 GPA).

Honors

Three points for each semester in which the student qualifies for the Honor Roll (3.50-3.99 GPA).

Merit List

Two points for each semester in which the student qualifies for the Merit List (3.0-3.49 GPA).

Academic Growth

Student may earn **one point** for grade improvement without the lowering of a grade in another subject.

Minimum points needed in *EXCELLENCE* category: 5 points

RESPECT

Student Government – Ms. Genna Root

One point will be awarded to all Rio Vista students who run for ASB office (whether or not they are elected). An **additional point** will be awarded to those students who are elected to office, serve a full term, and attend Student Council meetings regularly. Teacher/advisor must verify participation and service. (A maximum of **2 points** possible.)

One point will be awarded to all Rio Vista students who serve as a 2nd Period Representative and attend Student Council meetings regularly. Teacher/advisor must verify participation and service. (A maximum of **1 point** possible.)

RISE UP – Student of the Quarter

Two points will be awarded to students recognized as a RISE UP Student of the Quarter. Teacher/advisor must verify nomination. (A maximum of **2 points** possible.)

Community Service

One point will be awarded for up to 5 hours of documented community service. For example, a student who has provided between 1 and 4 hours of documented community service would receive one point. Another point would be awarded for hours between 5 and 9.9 hours continuing up to 3 points for 11+ hours of service. Community Service is service done outside of the family. Community Service activities might include but are not limited to: Boy or Girl Scout service projects, community or church groups, tutoring, 4-H, or volunteering at a local hospital. (A maximum of **3 points** is possible.) Students must submit a **completed Community Service form** (see form on page 8 of this handbook) with this application.

Minimum points needed in RESPECT category: 5 points

INTEGRITY

Co-Curricular

Mathematics Competitions (MathCounts, Math Field Days, etc.) – Mr. McEwen

Two points are available for participation in a mathematics competition (up to two per year). Teacher/advisor must verify participation. (A maximum of **4 points** possible.)

Young Author's Faire – Ms. Turner

Two points are available for participation in the Young Author's Faire. Teacher/advisor must approve entry and verify participation. (A maximum of **2 points** possible.)

Battle of the Books – Ms. Turner

Two points are available for participation in the Battle of the Books. Teacher/advisor must approve entry and verify participation. (A maximum of **2 points** possible.)

Science Fair – any appropriate Science teacher

Two points are available for designing a Science Fair project and submitting it for competition. Teacher/advisor must approve entry and verify participation. (A maximum of **2 points** possible.)

Spelling Bee – Ms. Beeson

All students who are selected and participate on the Spelling Bee team receive **one point**. Team members who actually participate in the District Spelling Bee receive **one point**. Individuals may receive **one additional point** as a result of one of the following: all team members receive **one additional point** if the team places in the top 2 schools at the District sponsored Spelling Bee. Students who earn an individual award(s) at the District sponsored Spelling Bee(s) receive **one additional point**. Teacher/advisor must verify participation. (A maximum of **2 points** possible.)

Essay Contest

Two points for participation in any essay contest recognized and promoted by Rio Vista is available for each contest entered. The final essay must be approved in advance by the teacher/advisor. **One additional point** will be awarded for winning an award in a contest or **2 additional points** for a first place award. (A maximum of **4 points** possible.)

Poster Contest

One point for participation in any poster contest recognized and promoted by Rio Vista for each contest entered. Teacher/advisor must approve entry. **One additional point** will be awarded for winning an award in a contest. (A maximum of **2 points** possible.)

State/County Winners

Students may earn **1 point** for awards at the state or county level of any academic competition (i.e., Author's Faire, Spelling Bee, Science Fair). (A maximum of **2 points** possible.)

Music Competitions (Band, Choir, etc.) – any appropriate music teacher

Students may earn **two points** for participation in any school recognized Music Festival or Competition. Teacher/advisor must verify participation. (A maximum of **2 points** possible.)

Clubs/Other Activities – Activities Director, Ms. Genna Root

Two points will be awarded **two points** for participation in clubs or other outside activities (i.e., 4-H, Scouts, Athletic Club or Travel Teams).

Teacher/advisor must verify participation. (A maximum of **2 points** possible.)

Note: Any student(s) interested in forming a new club must complete the new club petition and receive approval to have it recognized as a Rio Vista club. The club must also follow the club guidelines (i.e., participate in at least one fundraiser, etc.). Students will not receive their points if they are removed from a Club or Travel team.

Athletics – Athletic Director, Mr. Kody Donnelly

Two points will be awarded to students on the Rio Vista team roster of any Fall, Winter, or Spring sports team. The Athletic Director must verify participation.

Interscholastic Sports:

Fall

1. Football
2. Girl's Volleyball
3. Boy's and Girl's Cross Country
4. Boy's and Girl's Tennis
5. Girl's Golf
6. Water Polo

Winter

1. Boy's and Girl's Basketball
2. Wrestling
3. Boy's and Girl's Soccer

Spring

1. Boy's and Girl's Track
2. Baseball
3. Softball
4. Boy's Volleyball
5. Swimming
6. Boy's Golf

Pep & Cheer Squad –Ms. Gabby Donato

Students will receive **2 points** for participating on a Pep or Cheer squad. Students will receive an additional **2 points** for participating on the Rio Vista Competition Pep and Cheer Squads. The Athletic Director must verify participation.

Minimum points needed in <i>INTEGRITY</i> category: 10 points
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SELF-MOTIVATION

Attendance

Students will receive **3 points** for each semester in which they have zero (0) absences of any type or **1 point** for each semester in which they have no more than 2 full day excused absences. Students will not receive points for any semester in which they have a full day unexcused absence or any unexcused period absences. Students will receive **2 points** for each semester in which they have zero (0) tardies. The attendance secretary will verify after submission of application.

Citizenship

Students will earn **1 point** per class each semester in which they receive zero (0) disciplinary steps. Each teacher must verify.

Students will earn **3 points** for each semester in which they receive zero (0) conduct referrals. The administration will verify after submission of application.

Minimum points needed in *SELF-MOTIVATION* category: 10 points

TITAN AWARD EXCELLENCE

This award has been designed for recognition of “**Exemplary Rio Vista Students,**” therefore:

- It is the responsibility of each individual student to plan and set goals to earn this award.
- It is each student’s responsibility to track all points earned throughout the school year, get all required signatures, and to turn in the required forms by the deadline. (Students will be notified through the morning announcements as to the specific deadline.)
- It is strongly suggested that students consult their teachers for additional information and to get answers to questions as early in the school year as possible. Students who still have questions may consult their administrators.
- Requests for waivers in special circumstances should be submitted to the Administration as early in the school year as possible but **must be submitted prior to the application deadline.**

**RIO VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL
TITAN AWARD
COMMUNITY SERVICE VERIFICATION FORM**

In order for students to obtain points in the Community Service area, the student must submit this completed form along with their application. The sponsor or leader of the non-school activity must sign the form. This form will verify the student's involvement in said activity and fulfill requirements set forth in the Rio Vista Titan Award Handbook.

Activity: _____

Length of Service: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____

Description of Activity:

I verify that _____ (*student name*)
was involved in the activity described above and I vouch for the total time spent as described above.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____