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A. Honor Rolls

1. Students in grades **6-12** who distinguish themselves by high academic achievement will be listed on an honor roll at the end of each marking period. Two rolls will be published: honors and high honors.

- a. The high honor roll/principal honor roll will include all students who have achieved a grades **as indicated below:**

Grades 6-8: An A in all subjects

Grades 9-12 An A in all subjects and GPA of 4.0 and above

- b. The honor roll will include all students who have achieved grades **as indicate below:**

Grades 6-8: An A or B in all subjects

Grades 9-12: An A or B in all subjects and GPA of 3.5 or above

- c. A student who has been given a grade of incomplete in any subject will be ineligible for an honor roll in that marking period.
 - d. A student who has dropped a course after the mid-point of the marking period will be ineligible for an honor roll in that marking period.

2. Students in grades **6-12** who have achieved academic distinction for the school year will be listed on an honor roll at the end of the school year. Two year-end rolls will be **designated:** honors and high honors.

- a. The high honor roll/principal honor roll will include all students who have achieved a final **as indicated below:**

Grades 6-8: An A in all subjects



Grades 9-12 An A in all subjects and GPA of 4.0 and above

- b. The honor roll will include all students who have a final grade **as indicated below:**

Grades 6-8: An A or B in all subjects

Grades 9-12: An A or B in all subjects and GPA of 3.5 or above

- c. A student who has been given a final grade of incomplete in any subject will be ineligible for a year-end honor roll.
- d. A student who has dropped a course after the mid-point of the last marking period will be ineligible for a year-end honor roll.
3. The honor rolls will be prepared by **principals**, who will review all report cards to ensure that all eligible students are listed.
4. Each Principal may display in **their** ~~his/her~~ school the honor rolls listing students enrolled in that school.

B. Academic Awards

1. The student who has achieved the highest scholastic rank in the graduating class will be recognized as class valedictorian and will be presented with recognition at graduation.
2. The student who has achieved the second highest scholastic rank in the graduating class will be recognized as class salutatorian and will be presented with recognition at graduation.
3. Academic achievement(s) **determined by the principal will be recognized by the presentation of a certificate or other award. A list of recognitions will be maintained and shared annually by the principal.**
4. The selection of students for academic recognition on a basis other than numerical ranking will be made by an awards committee comprised of **school administrators and staff members.**



- a. The committee will annually review all academic awards for their continuing relevance to the educational goals and objectives established by the Board of Education and will recommend to the **principal** the removal and/or addition of awards.
 - b. The committee will establish and publish specific criteria for each academic award.
 - c. The committee will rigorously ensure that no student is denied an award or the opportunity to compete for an award on the basis of **the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a)** ~~his/her race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation or sex, social or economic status, or disability~~ in accordance with law and Policy No. 5750.
6. Academic awards offered by individuals and special interest organizations will be permitted subject to Policy No. 9700.

C. National Honor Society

Students who meet the admission qualifications established by the National Honor Society and the **Olga Mitchko** Chapter will be elected to membership in the Society.

D. Co-curricular Awards

1. **At the discretion of the principal and through the principal's consultation with staff**, recognitions will be made of individual students who have achieved distinction in co-curricular activities other than athletics. **A list of recognitions will be maintained and shared annually by the principal.**
2. Students who have been participating members of the following organizations at least one year may be recognized by the presentation of the award **at the discretion of the principal and through the principal's consultation with staff. A list of recognitions will be maintained and shared annually by the principal.**



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3. Individual students selected to participate on one of the following all-state organizations will be recognized by **the presentation of certificates noting band and chorus accomplishments and other like recognitions in different disciplines.**
4. The selection of students for co-curricular recognition on a basis other than their membership in an organization will be made by an awards committee comprised of **school administrators and staff.**
 - a. The committee will annually review all co-curricular awards for their continuing relevance to the educational goals and objectives established by the Board of Education and will recommend to the **principal** the removal and/or addition of awards.
 - b. The committee will establish and publish specific criteria for each co-curricular award.
 - c. The committee will rigorously ensure that no student is denied an award or the opportunity to compete for a co-curricular award on the basis of **any of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a)** ~~his/her race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation or sex, social or economic status, or disability,~~ in accordance with law and Policy No. 5750.
5. Co-curricular awards offered by individuals and special interest organizations will be permitted subject to Policy No. 9700.

E. Additional Recognitions

Because it is not possible to anticipate the achievements of students in all areas of school and community life, all teaching staff members are directed to be alert to the outstanding accomplishments of students other than those listed in this regulation. Any such accomplishment should be reported to the **principal** with a recommendation that the Board consider appropriate recognition of the student.

F. Presentations

1. Scholarship recipients will be listed in the graduation program and will be announced at an awards ceremony preceding graduation.



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2. Honor rolls and awards, academic and co-curricular, will be released for publication in accordance with Policy No. 8330.

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