

AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT

The Board of Education values excellence and wishes to inculcate in students the desire to do their best in all things. It shall be the policy of this Board, therefore, to recognize outstanding accomplishments in the areas of academics, arts, and service.

The Board encourages the certified staff to develop criteria and procedures for presenting suitable awards to students for scholarship and distinguished service in any school activity. In all cases, the relationship between the award and the relevant goal or goals of the schools should be pointed out. The procedures may include certificates, assemblies or other special marks of recognition.

The Superintendent or designee shall review and advise the Board on approval or rejection of proposed trophies, prizes, or other awards from nonschool donors using criteria including but not limited to the following:

- A. The criteria for making the award are under the control of the certified staff or are acceptable to the staff;
- B. The purposes, either implied or explicit, of the proposed award are consistent with District goals;
- C. The proposed award is free from bias as outlined in the District's affirmative action/equal opportunity program.

The Board reserves final judgment.

The Superintendent/designee shall devise regulations and procedures for:

- A. Selection of recipients;
- B. Dissemination of information regarding criteria for selection to all students and parents/guardians;
- C. Criteria for selection of students to participate in activities in which the number of participants is necessarily limited.

Honor Rolls

In the interest of encouraging and recognizing outstanding academic achievement in the Old Tappan Middle School, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to establish through the Principal, criteria and procedures for the placement of students in grades five through eight on academic honor rolls.

- A. Every student enrolled in the middle school shall be considered under the criteria for placement on the honor roll(s).
- B. Achievement in all subject areas shall be considered.

AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT (continued)**Junior National Honor Society**

Members are chosen for scholarship, leadership, character and service by a faculty committee. The Junior National Honor Society is open to students in grades seven and eight.

Service Participation

School service shall be recognized in order to emphasize the importance of good citizenship in school life.

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

Cross References: *1322 Contests for students
*3280 Gifts, grants and bequests
*5120 Assessment of individual needs
*5125 Student 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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