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A. Honor Rolls

Pupils who distinguish themselves by high academic achievement will be listed on an honor roll at the end of each marking period. Three rolls will be published:

1. The Principal's Honor Roll will include all pupils who have achieved a grade of not less than "A" in all subjects in that marking period.
2. The High Honor Roll will include all pupils who have achieved grades of "A" and "B" in all subjects, excluding those pupils named to the Principal's Honor Roll in that marking period.
3. The Regular Honor Roll will include all pupils who have a "B" average for the marking period. Only one grade of "C" will be allowed; however, it must be balanced by an "A". The Regular Honor Roll will exclude those students named to the High Honor Roll.
4. A pupil who has been given a grade of "incomplete", "D", "LB", "F" or "*" in any subject will be ineligible for an honor roll in that marking period.
5. A pupil who has dropped a course after the mid-point of the marking period will be ineligible for an honor roll in that marking period.

B. Academic Awards

1. The pupil who has achieved the highest scholastic rank, with a grade point average of at least a 4.0, in the graduating high school class will be recognized as class valedictorian and will be presented with a plaque, a trophy or a medal. To be recognized as the



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valedictorian, the student must have been enrolled in this district for at least three years immediately prior to high school graduation. The valedictorian shall deliver a graduation address at the graduation ceremony.

2. The pupil who has achieved the second highest scholastic rank, with a grade point average of at least a 4.0, in the graduating high school class will be recognized as class salutatorian and will be presented with a plaque, a trophy or a medal. To be recognized as the salutatorian, the student must have been enrolled in this district for at least three years immediately prior to high school graduation. The salutatorian shall deliver a welcome address at the graduation ceremony.
3. The pupils listed on the Principal's Honor Roll, High Honor Roll and Regular Honor Roll shall receive certificates of academic achievement.
4. The following academic achievements will be recognized by the inscription of the pupil's name on a plaque permanently maintained and displayed in the building:
 - a. Eastside High School will list top twenty-five students of each graduating class.
 - b. John F. Kennedy High School will list top twenty-five students of each graduating class.
 - c. Rosa Parks High School of Fine and Performing Arts, International High School, Innovative academics or Smaller Learning Communities will list the top ten ranked students of each graduating class.



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5. The selection of pupils for academic recognition on a basis other than numerical ranking will be made by an awards committee comprised of Principal, or designee, and representatives of teachers of specific subject areas. The Principal, or designee, will chair the committee.
 - 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 pupil is denied an award or the opportunity to compete for an award on the basis of his/her race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation or gender, socioeconomic 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

Pupils who meet the admission qualifications established by the National Honor Society and the High School's Chapter will be elected to membership in the Society.



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D. Co-curricular Awards

1. Individual pupils who have achieved distinction in co-curricular activities other than athletics shall receive Student Government Association (SGA) Awards.
2. Pupils who have been participating members of the SGA as an officer or an SGA committee member, a class officer or call committee member and/or club officer or committee member must have been a participating member of the organization for at least one full school year in order to be eligible for an SGA Award.
3. The SGA Advisor shall be responsible for collecting, recording and maintaining SGA points for each pupil. The advisor may be assisted by another staff member designated by the Principal. No pupil shall assist in the collecting, recording or maintaining of SGA points.
4. All SGA points are to be recorded by the end of the academic year. SGA points for graduating seniors are to be complete and recorded at least two marking periods prior to the Senior Awards Assembly.
5. Pupils in the following positions shall be awarded SGA points as indicated:

SGA President	25
Other SGA Officers	15
SGA Homeroom Representatives	10
SGA Committee chairperson	5
SGA Committee members	3
Class President	10
All other class officers	8
Class committee chairperson	5
Committee members	3



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Clubs (example: ERASE, Academic Decathlon, Future Teachers of America, National Honor Society, Thespian Society, etc.)

All student clubs must be official school clubs approved by the Principal and/or designee.

Club Officers

President	10
Other officers	8
Committee Chairpersons	5
Members	3

Student monitors (example: Library aide, office monitor, etc. - as approved by the SGA Advisor and/or Principal or designee.

6. Students who hold more than one position shall be eligible to receiver SGA points for each position held.
7. Athletic participation shall not be recognized for SGA points.
8. The class and club advisors shall determine full or partial awarding of SGA points based on participation in the years' worth of activity. The advisor shall maintain an accurate record of each pupil's level of participation.
9. The graduating senior receiving the highest number of SGA points shall be presented with a special SGA award in the form of a plaque, or a trophy at the annual senior awards assembly. A plaque listing the recipients of the award shall be maintained in the school building.



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10. The selection of pupils for co-curricular recognition on a basis other than their membership in an organization will be made by an awards committee comprised of the Principal and/or designee and representatives of the school faculty.
 - 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 pupil is denied an award or the opportunity to compete for a co-curricular award on the basis of his/her race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation or gender, socioeconomic status, or disability, in accordance with law and Policy No. 5750.
11. 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 pupils in all areas of school and community life, all teaching staff members are directed to be alert to the outstanding accomplishments of pupils other than those listed in this regulation. Any such accomplishment should be reported to the Principal and Superintendent with a



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recommendation that the Board consider appropriate recognition of the pupil.

F. Presentations

1. All senior awards will be announced and presented at the high school graduation ceremony.
2. Athletic awards will be announced and presented at the annual athletic awards dinner.
3. Honor rolls and awards, academic and co-curricular, will be released for publication in accordance with Policy No. 8330.

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