

DIVISION AWARDS TO STUDENTS

Background:

The Division encourages and supports the recognition of students for outstanding achievement.

Procedures:

1. Division awards to honour students in grades 9 to 12 are as follows:
 - 1.1. Grade 9 Academic Honour Certificates shall be presented annually to Grade 9 students achieving a combined average of at least 80 per cent in the four core courses (Language Arts, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics). The student information system will choose and track the courses automatically and shall be verified by the Principal or designate.
 - 1.1.1. To be eligible for Honours, students also must have passed all other courses.
 - 1.1.2. For students in French immersion, Honours includes the four core courses and French Language Arts.
 - 1.2. Grades 10, 11 and 12 High School Honour Certificates shall be awarded annually to students who have met the [Alexander Rutherford High School Achievement Scholarship](#) requirement of 80 per cent or better at the appropriate grade level.
2. Awards to grades 10 to 12 students may count each course only once.
3. Marks obtained for distance learning courses, summer school courses, evening credit courses or courses taken in other school authorities are to be considered for Honour Certificate purposes.
4. Upon request of the Principal, certificates of award may be provided for outstanding student achievements. The Principal shall provide the date(s) of award ceremonies to the corporate secretary and Central Services as soon as possible.
5. A trustee shall be invited to attend and present at the award ceremonies.
6. Following the conclusion of the last scheduled award ceremony, the Division may, through the Director of Communication Services, submit the names of all recipients for possible inclusion in the local media.
7. Principals may choose to acknowledge award recipients in their school newsletter and on their website.
8. Principals are encouraged to develop their own award ceremonies in collaboration with the local community and school council.
9. Principals are encouraged to review [Administrative Procedure 155: Event Protocol](#) and check with the Director of Communication Services regarding protocol when elected officials and special guests are invited to award ceremonies.

Reference:

Section 52, 53, 197, 222 *Education Act*