

POLICY

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT

The board of education believes that pupil achievement should be recognized at all levels in a manner appropriate to the pupil's accomplishment.

The board directs the chief school administrator/designee to develop criteria and procedures for presenting awards to pupils for scholarship and outstanding accomplishments in the arts, athletics and citizenship.

The chief school administrator shall review and advise the board on acceptance of proposed trophies, prizes, scholarships or other awards from non-school donors. Any such proposed award shall be free from bias as outlined in the district's affirmative action policies.

Criteria regarding eligibility and selection for awards shall be disseminated annually to all pupils and parents/guardians.

Academic Recognition

The board directs the chief school administrator/designee to establish criteria and procedures for placing pupils in grades 5 through 8 on academic honor rolls.

National Junior Honor Society

It is the goal of the board of education to promote recognition of district students who demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in the areas of academics, character, leadership, and service. Towards this goal, the Board directs that the middle school shall establish and maintain a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

District chapters of the National Junior Honor Society shall operate in accordance with the Constitution of the national Junior Honor Society. Local bylaws shall be established by each individual chapter consistent with the National constitution to specify meeting procedures, the election of officers, dues requirements, etc.

Selection criteria and procedures for membership in district chapters of the National Junior Honor Society shall conform to the criteria and procedures specified in the National Junior Constitution.

Selection to the National Junior Honor Society is a privilege, not right. Students do not apply for membership. Membership in a school's National Honor Society chapter shall be determined by a majority vote of the faculty selection committee for that school. Membership shall be based on the demonstration by a student of outstanding scholarship, character, leadership and service. To be eligible for membership, a student must be at least a second semester 6th grader, and have a minimum cumulative scholastic average as

measured by the student's grade point average (GPA) of 85% or higher in major subjects 2014 and beyond.

Students who meet the scholastic eligibility requirement shall then be evaluated by the Faculty Selection Committee on the basis of demonstrated service, leadership and character.

It shall be the responsibility of the Chief School Administrator to establish specific standards and procedures for the review of National Junior Honor Society candidates within the Franklin Township School District. Included within such procedures shall be provisions for the dissemination of information on selection criteria and procedures to all students. A non-selection appeal process shall also be contained within district regulations.

Athletic Participation

The board wishes to recognize the achievements of pupils who give many hours of their time to represent the school in interscholastic athletics. Requirements for awards in each sport shall be decided by a committee composed of coaches, athletic director and chief school administrator.

Service Participation

School service groups shall be recognized for participation in order to emphasize the importance of good citizenship in school life as outlined in the course of study.

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