# AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT

### General

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 nonschool 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 6 through 12 on academic honor rolls.

Board of Education Scholastic Award:

Criteria:

- 1. All subjects are included based on final marks.
- 2. Students must carry a minimum of 35 credits per year.
- 3. No one is eligible who has received an Incomplete. Incomplete marks must be removed before issuance of the Report Card in order to be eligible for the Award.
- 4. Students must meet the criteria of MAXIMUM HONORS that is a GPA of not less than 3.70. No grade below B-.
- 5. Eligibility for award is based on grades earned at Rutherford High School.

## 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 principal.

## Service Participation

School service groups shall be recognized for participation in order to emphasize the

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importance of good citizenship in school life as outlined in the course of study.

#### Award of Scholarships or Prizes

The Board of Education will permit the award of scholarships or prizes to deserving pupils provided that the information regarding pupils is released only in accordance with Board policy on pupil records, the manner of selection of the recipient is approved by the principal, and the nature of the prize or award is approved by the principal.

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Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:36-20Discrimination; prohibition <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:71-27Higher education; scholarship funds; establishment; administration