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## Board Recognition of Excellence

**General Information** 

The Houston Independent School District (HISD) Board of Education regularly recognizes students, teachers, schools, employees, teams, and community members for outstanding achievement, excellence, and leadership. [See BED(LOCAL)] In addition, the Board awards plaques annually to the outstanding senior students in each high school and up to five honorable mention certificates to students in each senior class.

# Guidelines for Board of Education Recognition

At its monthly meetings, the Board may recognize individuals, groups, or schools for excellence. Guidelines for recognition will be as follows:

Recommendation

The school principal or work location supervisor of any HISD department may recommend a candidate for consideration for recognition to the Board.

Communicate Suggestion Recommendations must be in writing (i.e., electronic mail or memorandum), describing the achievement for recognition, and forwarded to the Director, Board Services, at least ten days prior to the next scheduled Board meeting. Verbal recommendations will not be accepted.

**Notification** 

After receiving the recommendation, the Director, Board Services, or designee will notify the principal or department supervisor of the Board's intent to recognize the candidate along with the date and time of the recognition. The recognition will be included in the Board's meeting.

# Guidelines for Board of Education Student Awards

The annual student awards are based on academic achievement, excellence in special fields, and outstanding leadership qualities. The awards will be presented in May of each year at commencement exercises. Guidelines for determining recipients will be as follows.

#### Criteria

The awards are based on the following criteria:

Character

The selected students must be of good character and have wholesome personality traits. They must have a constructive record of responsible school citizenship.

Scholarship

The selected students must have a scholastic record indicating a rank in the upper 15 percent of the graduating class and six-week conduct marks of "S" or "E".

**Leadership** 

The selected students must manifest outstanding qualities of leadership and responsible citizenship. These qualities may have been demonstrated through holding the highest office in a school organization or activity, such as president of a class or club, captain of a team, or colonel (or major) of a military group. Selection for a high

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honor in the student's field of interest (All-State or All-District, Science Fair Blue Ribbon, etc.) fulfill this requirement.

### Service

The selected students will have rendered service to their school by:

- Representing the school in fine arts, literary, or athletic contests;
- Being a member of a school publication staff;
- Working as a school administration assistant, etc.; or
- Making a particularly significant contribution to the school in some other way.

#### Selection

The outstanding students from each school will be selected by a committee appointed by the principal. The committee will be composed of the principal as chairperson, the president of the Parent Teacher Association or Parent Teacher Organization, a business person in the community, the dean (or assistant principal), and the faculty sponsor of the senior class.

In addition to naming the outstanding students, the committee may name from one to five additional students for honorable mention, each of whom will receive a certificate.

### **Consultation**

This regulation does not require consultation.

### Maintenance Responsibility

The Chief of Staff is responsible for maintenance of this regulation.