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Prizes, Scholarships, Awards, Bursaries

Background

The district will guide and support our students as they consider the evolving opportunities of the 21st century and discover their own pathway to success by:

- (a) recognizing top-level performance;
- (b) promoting the quest for excellence;
- (c) encouraging students in the pursuit of further education or other learning pathways,
- (d) acknowledging through awards for various forms of achievement, the virtue of cultivating a well-balanced character and personality.

Procedure

Charitable Donations

Donations for prizes, scholarships and awards may be made to the Educational Enrichment Trust Fund in order that they may be claimed for income tax purposes by the donor.

PART I - PRIZES AND MONETARY AWARDS

1. All prizes, scholarships or awards of any kind made available to students by any donor must first be approved by the Director of Education or designate, who may exercise discretionary power. Consideration should be given to learning skills as part of the selection criteria.
2. The District, through its own prize system, shall not attempt to influence the direction of a student's further education or career.
3. Awards may be provided for:
 - (a) general academic proficiency;
 - (b) individual subject proficiency;
 - (c) high-level performance in such extracurricular activities as sports, music, drama;
 - (d) improvement in general achievement;
 - (e) other areas of significant performance including consideration of student need as designated from time to time by the Director or designate;
 - (f) community service and learning skills.

4. No cash awards will be made directly to schools or students by the district. However, if the principal of any school wishes to assign part of his/her instructional budget to prizes and awards, the principal may do so, subject to the following limitations:
 - (a) the total amount so allocated shall not exceed \$2.00 per student enrolled on October 31st of the school year in which the prize was earned;
 - (b) no individual prize under this provision shall have a value greater than \$150.00;
 - (c) prizes may be monetary or in other forms.

PART II - AWARDS - MEDALLIONS AND CERTIFICATES

Renfrew County Medallions

1. A medallion, cast in bronze, will be provided annually to the following students:

Grade 8

All students who consistently perform at Level 4 in all subjects (overall average of all strands when the subject mark is reported by strands, for a total of 16 marks over the two marking periods) allowing up to a maximum of three marks lower than Level 4 for the overall two marking periods.

Grades 9-12

For the purposes of determining RC Medallion recipients, the current school year will be deemed to run from September 1 through to August 31; therefore, recipients may be identified up to and including August 31 each school year. This will include credits offered through any continuing learning program such as summer school and eLearning courses.

Year 1 and Year 2 of Secondary Attendance

All students in their first and second year who achieve a Level 4 in any seven credits in the current school year. (In cases where two half credits are used, the student must have Level 4 in both half courses each year.)

Year 3 and Year 4 of Secondary Attendance

All students in their third and fourth year who achieve a Level 4 in any six credits in the current school year. (In cases where two half credits are used, the student must have Level 4 in both half courses each year.)

2. A committee of the staff of each school including a representative from school administration will be responsible for identifying recipients of the Renfrew County Medallions, and will take into consideration students with special circumstances.

The medallion will be in the shape of the "R" logo and will contain the initials of the school and the year.

The awards will be presented annually by a trustee of the Renfrew County District School Board.

Renfrew County Technical Medallion

The district will award a Renfrew County Technical Medallion to the student with the highest average in five senior technical credits in each secondary school offering a full range of technical programs. Consideration should be given to learning skills as part of the selection criteria.

Renfrew County Business Medallion

The district will award a Renfrew County Business Medallion to the graduating student with the highest average in five senior business credits in each secondary school offering a full range of business programs, including eLearning courses. The computer courses ICS3C, ICS3U, ICS4C and ICS4U may be treated as a business credit for the purposes of selecting five credits for this award. Consideration should be given to learning skills as part of the selection criteria.

Legal Reference:

- *Ontario Regulation - Operation of Schools s. 11, s. 20*
- *Education Act s. 173(1) - Establishment of Scholarships, etc.*

Procedure History

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