

Neilburg Composite School Policy for Achievement Awards

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Neilburg Composite School believes that students displaying academic excellence should be recognized at an annual Awards Day ceremony. The following policy will be used to determine how students will be recognized for their academic success.

Decisions are based on results reported on the date of Grade 10-12 Term 3 report cards being sent home.

FOR GRADES WITH OUTCOME BASED REPORTING

(Grade 7-9 in 17/18 and beyond)

Honour Roll eligibility will be determined by the student's results in English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and two other classes.

For each class, students will receive 4 points for Mastery level, 3 points for Proficiency level, 2 points for Approaching level and 1 point for Beginning level.

The student will receive a Mastery Certificate if the sum of the points is 21 or greater.

The student will receive a Proficiency Certificate if the sum of the points is 18 or greater but less than 21.

Examples:

Student A has these results:

ELA	PROFICIENT (3 pts)
Math	MASTERY (4 pts)
Science	MASTERY (4 pts)
S.S.	PROFICIENT (3 pts)
Phys. Ed.	MASTERY (4 pts)
Computers	PROFICIENT (3 pts)

Student A has a total of 21 points and will receive a Mastery certificate.

Student B has these results:

ELA	MASTERY (4 pts)
Math	PROFICIENT (3 pts)
Science	PROFICIENT (3 pts)
S.S.	PROFICIENT (3 pts)
Health	PROFICIENT (3 pts)
Home Ec.	APPROACHING (2 pts)

Student B has a total of 18 points and will receive a Proficiency certificate.

The school acknowledges that students receive multiple grades in many of the subjects. Teachers will use their professional judgment in assigning one overall grade for the subject for honour roll purposes.

The **Excellence Award** will be awarded to the student or students in the grade with the highest sum of points according to the above calculation.

Subject Awards will be given to students with the greatest achievement in the subject area. The awards given will be:

- English Language Arts Award
- Mathematics Award
- Science Award
- Social Studies Award
- Applied Arts Award
- Fine Arts Award

The school acknowledges that there can be ties when determining the highest achieving student in each subject. Teachers will use their professional judgment when deciding to award one student or multiple students with a subject award however the primary deciding factor should be measurable results (report cards results).

FOR GRADES WITH PERCENTAGE BASED REPORTING

(Grade 10-12 in 17/18 and beyond)

Honour Roll eligibility will be determined by the student's results in English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and two other classes.

$$\text{Average} = \frac{\text{ELA} + \text{Math} + \text{Science} + \text{Social St.} + \text{Other} + \text{Other}}{6}$$

If the student's academic average on these classes is 90% or above, the student will receive a **High Honours Certificate**.

If the student's academic average on these classes is 80% or above but less than 90%, the student will receive a **Honours Certificate**.

For Grade 10-12 students,

- The highest mark in any English Language Arts course will be considered (does not include Communications, Media Studies, etc).
- The highest mark in any of the math pathways studied that school year (including Calculus) will be considered.
- The highest mark in any science studied that school year will be considered.
- The highest mark in any social science studied that school year will be considered.

The **Proficiency Award** will be awarded to the student or students in the grade with the highest academic average according to the above calculation.

Subject Awards will be given to students with the greatest academic average in the subject area. The awards given will be:

- Humanities Award (ELA & Social St.)
- Math/Science Award
- Applied Arts Award
- Fine Arts Award

In calculating the subject awards average for Grade 10-12 students,

- For the Humanities Award, a social science and both English A and B will be used.
- For the Math/Science Award, three courses in math or science will be used.
- For the Applied Arts Award, two courses in Practical & Applied Arts will be used.
- For the Fine Arts Award, two courses in Drama, Music, Visual Art, etc. will be used.

Credit Union Award: In Grade 12, the Math/Science Award is replaced by the Credit Union Award. This award is presented to the student with the highest academic average in Foundations 30, Pre-Calculus 30, Calculus 30, Biology 30, Chemistry 30 and Physics 30.

Note 1: *Calculus 30 was not offered in 2016-17 at Neilburg Composite School, but was available by correspondence. To be eligible for the Credit Union Award in 2016-17, a student must have completed 5 of the 6 above courses.*

Note 2: *It is possible that not all sciences will be offered in a particular year. For the purposes of the Credit Union Award, 30-level science classes studied in Grade 11 will be used in the calculation.*