

630 AWARDS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide the school district direction for student achievement awards.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The school board encourages the professional staff to maintain a set of criteria and procedures for presenting letters or other suitable awards to students for scholarship and distinguished service in any school activity. In all cases, the relationship between the award and the relevant goal or goals of the schools should be pointed out.
- B. The professional staff is authorized to review and approve, or reject, proposed trophies, prizes, scholarships or other awards from non-school donors. Acceptance will be based on the following:
 - 1. The proposed award is considered free from motives of personal or corporate gain and publicity.
 - 2. The criteria for making the award is under the control of the professional staff and acceptable to the staff.
 - 3. The purposes, either implied or explicit, of the proposed award are consistent with District and school goals.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Mark Reporting System

1. High School, Owatonna Online, and Area Learning Center and Middle School Mark Reporting System

Currently the grades at ~~OHS and OHS~~, Owatonna Online, and the ALC are based on a four-point scale with the following numerical value being assigned to each of the letter grades:

A	=	4.0	B	=	3.0	C	=	2.0	D	=	1.0	I	=	0.0
A-	=	3.67	B-	=	2.67	C-	=	1.67	D-	=	0.67	N	=	No grade*
B+	=	3.33	C+	=	2.33	D+	=	1.33	F	=	0.0			

The AP grades are based on a weighted formula.

**Does not affect honor placement*

2. Middle School

A = 87.5-100%	C = 62.5-74.9%	F = 0-49.99%
B = 75-87.4%	D = 50.0-62.49%	

B. Honor Roll

1. Owatonna High School, Owatonna Online, Area Learning Center

An honor roll will be published at the end of the school year conclusion of each marking period. The honor roll was established to recognize and to promote better scholarship. It will recognize only those students who have very high achievement in the classroom.

The honor roll I or A = 3.670 – 4.000 cumulative

The honor roll II or B = 3.000 – 3.669 cumulative

2. Owatonna Middle School

Owatonna Middle School students are graded on mastery of standards on a 3 point scale. Mastery scores are converted to letter grades at the end of the marking period. Middle school courses are year long; thus to achieve honor roll status, students must end the school year with the following percentage grades for each honor roll:

The honor roll A = 87.5-100%

The honor roll B = 75-87.4%

C. Commencement Scholarship Recognition

1. Students shall be recognized at the commencement exercises on both the printed program and by the high school principal.
2. To graduate with high distinction, a student must attain a 3.95 grade point average or be in the top five percent (5%) of the students who are ranked. To graduate with distinction, the student's grade point average must be 3.60 or be in the next ten percent (10%) of the ranked students.

D. Academic Lettering

Owatonna High School and Owatonna Online will recognize student academic achievement for lettering. The purpose is to reward students for academic excellence. The following criteria are guidelines to receive an academic letter:

1. Letters shall be awarded based on cumulative weighted GPA for all completed courses.
2. After three consecutive semesters in 9th and 10th grades to students with a GPA of 3.80. Letters may be earned after either the first or second semester in 10th grade.
3. After first semester in 11th grade to students with a cumulative GPA of 3.7
4. After second semester in 11th grade and after first semester in 12th grade to students with a cumulative GPA of 3.6
5. Students must abide by the Minnesota State High School League rules and those of Owatonna Independent School District #761. Any violations of rules will disqualify the student from lettering in that time period.

ED. Eligibility For Awards

Resident home-schooled students, to include shared time students, are not eligible for Owatonna High School academic awards, academic honors, or academic recognition.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. §123.33, Subd. 7
Minn. Stat. §123.34, Subd. 9
Minn. Stat. §123.35, Subd. 1

Cross References: Policy 611 (Home Schooling)
Policy 622 (Shared Time Students)