

# 2017-18 5<sup>th</sup> Grade PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

The purpose of this award is to recognize academic success in the classroom. To be eligible for the President's Award for Educational Excellence, students must meet the requirements in Category A and either 1 or 2 of Category B.

## ***Category A:***

**Grades:** To qualify for the President's Award for Educational Excellence, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student's grades for all trimesters of 4<sup>th</sup> grade in Math and Reading must have performance scores of 3 or higher in each Reporting Topic the last time the reporting topic was reported. Additionally, for the first semester of 5<sup>th</sup> grade, the student must have an Achievement Level of Proficient (PRO) or higher in Each Domain / Topic (Language, Reading Foundational Skills, Number and Operations – Fractions, Number and Operation Base Ten) that has been reported.

## **AND**

## ***Category B:***

**Either 1 or 2 below**

**1. State Tests and Nationally-Normed Achievement Tests:** Students must have an achievement level of 4 on both the math and English Language Arts sections of the ISAT.

## **OR**

**2. Recommendations from a Teacher plus One Other Staff Member:** One recommendation is to reflect outstanding achievement such as English, mathematics, science, history, geography, art, foreign language, and any other courses that reflect a school's core curriculum. This judgment is to be supported by tangible evidence that is comprised of either results on teacher-made tests, portfolio assessment, or special projects. The second recommendation from a school staff member may address, for example: involvement in community service or co-curricular activities including tutoring other students and/or demonstration of creativity and achievement in the visual and performing arts. **The school principal has final authority to determine which students receive this award.**

## **2017-18 5<sup>TH</sup> Grade PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT**

The purpose of this award is to recognize students that show outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subjects but do not meet the criteria for the President's Award for Educational Excellence. This award should not be compared to the President's Award for Educational Excellence or be seen as a second tier award, for it recognizes a very different type of academic achievement. It is meant to encourage and reward students who work hard and give their best effort in school, often in the face of special obstacles to their learning.

**This award is given at the principal's discretion based on the criteria developed at the school.** The criteria should reflect the purpose of the award and must be applied fairly to all students. The following are examples of criteria for which the President's Award for Educational Achievement may be presented:

- Show tremendous growth but did not meet all the criteria for the President's Award for Educational Excellence.
- Demonstrate unusual commitment to learning in academics despite various obstacles.
- Maintain a school record that would have met the school's selection criteria for the President's Award for Educational Excellence but illness, personal crisis, or special needs prevented the student from maintaining such high standards despite hard work.
- Achieve high scores or show outstanding growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in particular subjects, such as English, math, science, etc.
- Demonstrate achievement in the arts such as music or theater.