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## **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Strait Regional School Board encourages students to strive to attain the highest possible standards in their scholastic and co-curricular pursuits, and supports the provision of honours, awards, bursaries, prizes and scholarships in recognition of outstanding student achievement. It is acknowledged that these rewards are frequently funded through the generous donations of individuals and organizations within the school community, and the Board encourages this participation in the student recognition process.

### **GUIDELINES**

1. Characteristics of school awards programs: Each school will establish awards procedures based on the needs of the students and the philosophy of the school and community. Awards programs will:

1.1 reward performance and encourage positive student growth;

1.2 restrict practices that may be divisive, discourage positive student growth, or create unbalanced, unfair or preferential situations;

1.3 have the widest possible application and eligibility criteria;

1.4 be relevant to the changing needs of the school; and

1.5 be communicated throughout the student body and school community.

2. Administration of school awards

2.1 Fairness: Principals will ensure that selection panels are made up of persons who are objective and unbiased. Individuals who have family or other close personal relationships with a candidate for special student

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recognition shall not be involved in selection processes for awards involving that student.

2.2 Principals will initiate discussions with donors, or their representatives, from time to time, to review the criteria for awards or prizes.

2.3 Communication with students: Principals will ensure that information concerning all available incentives, awards, bursaries, scholarships, or prizes, whether initiated within or outside of the immediate school community, is communicated to the entire student body. Information shall include:

- the purpose and type of awards;
- the criteria established for each award, including eligibility requirements;
- where applicable, processes and deadlines for applying.