

DISTRICT HONOUR AWARDS TO STUDENTS

Background

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools recognizes student achievement in various ways, including a District Academic Honours Certificate for grades 7-12 students. This certificate is modelled after the professionally recognized criteria of the Alberta Rutherford High School Achievement Scholarship.

Guidelines

1. District awards to honour students in grades 7-12 are as follows:
 - 1.1. Grades 7, 8 and 9 Academic Honour Certificates shall be presented annually to Grade 7, 8 and 9 students achieving a combined average of at least 80% in core courses (English language arts/French language arts, social studies, science, math), and a student must also achieve 70% or better in each of health, religion and physical education. The student information system will choose and track these courses automatically and shall be verified by the Principal or designate.
 - 1.2. To be eligible for honours, students also must have passed all other courses.
 - 1.3. French Language Arts or English Language Arts (whichever has the highest mark) will be included in the core course average for determining honours.
 - 1.4. Grades 10, 11, and 12 High School Honour Certificates shall be awarded annually to students who have met the [Alexander Rutherford High School Achievement Scholarship](#) requirements.
2. Marks obtained from Alberta Education Distance Learning courses, summer courses, evening credit courses, or courses taken in other systems are to be considered for Honour Certificate purposes.
3. The Principal shall provide the date(s) of award programs to the District Office Manager of Communications as soon as the dates are available and communicate updates or changes to the dates.
4. Principals are encouraged to review [Administrative Procedure 160 Event Protocol](#), which provides guidance about district expectations for who to invite to awards events and protocols to be followed at these events.

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