

**Distinguished Performance Award
A Graduation Honor**

Students who demonstrate those positive attitudes and behaviors that mark outstanding character during their high school career are to be recognized by a special Board of Education recognition entitled the Distinguished Performance Award. Such students who achieve this standard shall receive a special recognition seal upon their diploma at their commencement exercise, shall be awarded a white cord of recognition, and shall have this recognition included on all official transcripts.

The following criteria shall be established for this recognition:

1. Community Service Credit

The student shall have completed the requirements for a high school credit in non-court-ordered community service.

- For 2010-11 school year 4050 minutes (67.5 hours)
- For 2011-12 and beyond 8100 minutes (135 hours)

2. Attendance

The student shall have no more than three (3) un-excused absences in any year of his/her high school attendance.

3. Behavior

The student shall have no school suspensions (in school or out of school) during any year of his/her high school attendance.

4. Course Requirements

The student shall have completed the requirements for graduation, including completion of their career path requirements.

5. Elective Requirements

The student shall have enrolled and completed a minimum of three (3) Fine Arts and/or Applied Arts credits:

- For 2010-11 – 2 courses
- For 2011-12 and beyond – 3 courses

6. School Career Experiences

The student must participate or demonstrate extra and co-curricular involvement in a minimum of eight (8) experiences that serve to either demonstrate or apply additional educational experiences.

Such experiences will include:

- Any official co-curricular activity
- Any extra-curricular activity
- Active membership in student government or as a class officer
- Active membership in any recognized school club or organization
- Active involvement with a local, state, or national civic or community organization participation (excluding those for which community service credit is awarded)
- Other activities may be considered upon application and approval of the school principal and a majority vote of the school curriculum committee.

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