

All students will have equal access to these awards and recognitions provided that they meet the criteria for each award or recognition. These awards and recognitions are intended to motivate all students to value learning, serve the community, attain academic, visual and performing arts, career and technical education, athletic, or social achievement, and demonstrate positive behavior.

The school site must have written documentation for each student recognition program. The document must provide the purpose of the program, and what the criteria is for a student to be rewarded for achieving the goal.

Schoolwide incentives are allowed for the following types of programs:

1. Positive Behavior Interventions and Support programs
2. Honor Roll/Grades
3. Student of the Month
4. Attendance

Rewards should be educationally related. The maximum per unit cost of a reward is \$20. The following types of rewards are suggested:

1. Books
2. School supplies or spirit wear
3. Free admission to school dances, sporting events, or other school activities
4. Recognition in announcements, school paper, school website, social media
5. Recognition on bulletin board or marquee
6. Positive letter sent home to parents about behavior, grades, etc.
7. Certificate of recognition
8. Inexpensive trophy
9. Food rewards (ice cream, breakfast, lunch) within the Wellness policy guidelines. Food regulations can change annually. Please contact Food Services when considering food as a reward.
10. Donated gift cards and coupons
11. Tech accessories like phone grips, phone chargers, portable phone chargers, headphones, phone cases, PopSocket
12. Personal hygiene products like perfume, deodorant, makeup remover, lip balm, nail polish
13. Various journals (mental health, gratitude, dream, prayer, finance, etc.)
14. Fashion accessories like sunglasses, jewelry, hair clips/ties, temporary tattoos
15. Water bottles, travel mug, stainless steel straw, bento box

Plaques or trophies awarded to individual students recognizing outstanding achievement (student of the year, etc.) have a maximum per unit cost of \$60.

Gift cards, coupons and cash equivalents are not allowed as gifts unless donated by outside

sources. Donated funds given to the District, school site or ASB cannot be used to purchase these items.

For any questions regarding this regulation please contact the Controller's Office.

GRADUATION REGALIA AND HONORS

Graduation regalia and recognition will follow established policies as directed by the Assistant Superintendent, Education division. The intent of this regulation is to create equitable opportunities for students to showcase the academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities that have shaped their District experience at their graduation ceremony.

- District-Issued Regalia - Including, but not limited to: A-G; Academic Honors; CTE Pathway; Dual Enrollment; Golden State Seal; Google certification; Athlete of the Year; Scholar-Athlete of the Year; CA Seal of Biliteracy; CA Seal of Triliteracy; CA Seal of Civic Engagement; Student Ambassador.
- Site-Issued Regalia - Including, but not limited to: Associated Student Body Leadership (ASB); Varsity Athletics; Journalism; Link Crew; Perfect Attendance; Simon Scholars; Yearbook; VAPA.
- School Site Clubs/Programs - Board-approved clubs and site programming including, but not limited to: AVID; California Scholarship Federation (CSF); Key Club; National Honor Society (NHS); Puente. Criteria set by
- Partnership Programs - Partnering organizations/programs may request approval to design regalia for student recognition and include established criteria. If approved, the partner will work with the district liaison to complete this process, and regalia will be provided to eligible students at no cost to students.

CA State Legislature passed AB 1248 adding Education Code section 35183.1 in 2018. The code allows students to wear “traditional tribal regalia or recognized objects of cultural or religious significance” as adornment at school graduation ceremonies, while also providing that a local education agency retains the discretion to limit an item that is likely to cause a substantial disruption of, or material interference with, the ceremony; this includes eagle feathers and other symbols of Native American significance. Families will request to wear this adornment at the graduation ceremony through their site's graduation administrator, who will work with the district liaison for approval and notification.

Board of Trustees

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