



# System Review Notice

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## Background Information

Board policy BP 6601-D “Student Awards and Recognition” has been reviewed and revised as part of the cyclical review process. Housekeeping revisions have been incorporated.

Board policy BP 6601-D is attached and can also be found on the board website ([www.bwdsb.on.ca](http://www.bwdsb.on.ca) → About Us → Policies and Procedures → [Policies Under Review](#)).

Please note the following as it pertains to edits within documents for review:

- information that is being added is highlighted in yellow
- information that is being removed is ~~highlighted in yellow with a strike out~~
- information that has been moved within the policy is red

## Feedback

Feedback must be forwarded to Corporate Services **to the attention of Crystal Myles** ([crystal\\_myles@bwdsb.on.ca](mailto:crystal_myles@bwdsb.on.ca)) **by February 2, 2024**. Your attention to this timeline is appreciated and will ensure that your feedback is included when the policy is referred back to the Policy Standing Committee for final review.

## Questions to Consider

When you are preparing your feedback, please consider the following questions:

- Are there any obstacles that might be encountered due to this policy?
- Would you be able to easily follow the processes outlined in this policy?
- Can you identify any gaps in the information provided?

Thank You.

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Policy Title	Student Awards and Recognition		
Date of Issue	May 19, 2009	Related Procedure	AP 6601-D
Revision Dates	February 21, 2012 (rev. Rationale-Strategic Plan); September 20, 2016	Related Forms	
Review Date	September 1, 2021	Originator	Board of Trustees
References			

### 1.0 RATIONALE

- 1.1 Bluewater District School Board policies will support and provide direction necessary to achieve the board's Vision, Mission, and Strategic Plan priorities.
- 1.2 Awards recognize individual accomplishments and may increase self-esteem and provide incentive to move forward in a person's chosen path.

### 2.0 POLICY

- 2.1 It is the policy of Bluewater District School Board recognizes that academic performance is one of several forms of excellence and the board is committed to ensuring that student recognition and awards will recognize all pathways reflect our belief that all pathways be recognized and that academic performance is one of several forms of excellence.

### 3.0 SYSTEM EXPECTATIONS

- 3.1 This policy applies to all students of Bluewater District School Board students and is applicable to school and board awards only.
- 3.2 Student participation in award opportunities provided by other organizations or various levels of government will be consistent with board policy.
- 3.3 Schools will make available a listing of all existing awards. The list will include the criteria to be considered for receipt of the award and how the decision is made to select the award recipient is made.
- 3.4 Valedictorians will be selected by students of the graduating class, the selection to be made based on the criteria established by the school.
- 3.5 Subject to the criteria of the award donor, which will adhere to Bluewater District School Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan Mission, Vision, Priorities, Values, and Graduate Qualities, the Bluewater District School Board Character Attributes, additional criteria to be included in selecting a recipient of an award will include, but are not limited to:
  - i. academic achievement, effort, participation, and an appreciation and/or enthusiasm for a subject;
  - ii. performance that sets the student apart from others;
  - iii. contributions to the life of the school and/or community.