

BOARD POLICY	
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BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM

1. POLICY STATEMENT

The Halton District School Board support the recognition of students, staff and volunteers from across the system who have supported students and have contributed to their achievement. The recognition program is inclusive of all educational stakeholders, and selection of recipients will be guided by the Halton District School Board's seven equity lenses:

- Ability;
- Faith;
- First Nation, Métis, Inuit;
- race, culture, language;
- sex, gender identify, gender expression;
- sexual orientation;
- socio-economic.

2. SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES

Criteria: Recognition will be given to individuals or groups, formally or informally associated with the Halton District School Board, who have through their activity in exemplary way:

- demonstrated caring, initiative, innovation, creativity;
- inspired others;
- supported students and contributed to their achievement.

Categories: Nominations will be encouraged from a variety of categories, included but not limited to:

- equity;
- diversity and inclusion;
- 21st Century learning;
- environmental action and/or advocacy;
- exemplary contribution under extraordinary circumstances;
- special event or project;
- outstanding achievement (academic/sport/other).

In accordance with the underlying principle of inclusion, additional categories may be added as the recognition program evolves. Consideration will be given to all category suggestions. New categories may be included on the nomination form, which can be found on the Board website.

Nominees: Individuals/groups may be nominated more than once in any given year, but will only qualify for recognition once per year. First time recipients may receive priority.

Recognition: Recognition may take place at the JW Singleton Education Centre during the first 15 minutes of the public session of a Board meeting, or as per the choice of the award recipient.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Board of Trustees shall

- 3.1.1 promote and encourage nominations for the Board's Recognition Policy;
- 3.1.2 review all nominations for monthly recognition;
- 3.1.3 present the recognition;
- 3.1.4 review suggestions and revise as required, the operation of the recognition program.

3.2 Director's Office/Communications staff shall

- 3.2.1 promote and encourage nominations via a web page on the Halton District School Board website and promotional materials;
- 3.2.2 receive and compile all nominations for review by the Board of Trustees;
- 3.2.3 seek input from recipients regarding their options for recognition; and
- 3.2.4 provide administrative support for the operation of the Board's recognition program;

Board References:

Administrative Procedure: Board Recognition