

POLICY 21 - STUDENT AWARDS

The board encourages schools and communities to recognize student achievement by presentation of awards. In support of this policy, the board will provide awards to deserving students for the following:

1. General Proficiency Awards

The board will provide cash awards to the students in each school with the highest average in Grades 10, 11 and 12.

2. Saskatoon Board of Education Award of Excellence

- 2.1 The board will provide a cash award to be presented annually to the most outstanding graduate from Saskatoon Public Collegiates based on academic excellence, personal qualities and leadership and participation. This award is typically presented at a Celebrating Excellence agenda item at a regular board meeting.
- 2.2 The board will provide a cash award to all other Award of Excellence nominees. The trustee for the school should be invited to present these awards.

3. Saskatoon Board of Education First Nations, Inuit and Métis Student Scholarship

The board will provide annual scholarships to four Indigenous students graduating from Saskatoon Public Schools Collegiates. The scholarships are named the Academic Achievement Award, the John Dewar Spirit and Resiliency Award, the First Nation Cultural Youth Award and the Métis Cultural Youth Award.

A trustee from the Saskatoon Board of Education, or a designated representative, will present the scholarships at the annual Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre graduation ceremony if invited to do so.

4. Saskatoon Board of Education Perseverance Award

The board of education is proud to support an annual award at each high school to honour students who have demonstrated exceptional perseverance in overcoming significant obstacles on their path to completing high school. This recognition celebrates the resilience and determination of these students and affirms the board's commitment to equity and student success. Each school will determine the most meaningful and appropriate format for recognizing the recipient, ensuring the celebration reflects the unique context of the school community. Trustees representing the respective schools should be invited to attend and take part in acknowledging the student's achievement.

Please refer to Administrative Procedure 321: Student Awards for cash amounts and criteria for each award.

Legal Reference: *The Education Act, 1995, Section 87(1)(q)*
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