

460 STUDENT AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Student excellence in any area of school life should receive recognition. All awards must be justified on the basis of worthy contributions to the school community.

The school district may accept plaques, gifts, or memorials honoring students or graduates of the district for outstanding achievement or personal sacrifice. The acceptance of such plaques, gifts or memorials from persons not connected with the schools is not approved unless the school staff determines that the origins and purposes of such trophies, prizes or awards are consistent with school goals.

The Board encourages the professional staff to maintain a set of criteria and procedures for presenting letters or other suitable awards to students for scholarship and distinguished service in any school activity. In all cases, the relationship between the award and the relevant goal or goals of the schools should be pointed out.

Recipients of awards may be approved by group action. In some cases interested citizens may be involved, but the final selection shall reside within the school staff.

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids does not discriminate in the awarding of and/or the acceptance and administration of gifts, bequests, scholarships and other aids, benefits or services to students from private agencies, organizations or persons on the basis of gender, age, race, color, creed, religion, genetic information, handicap or disability, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, arrest record, conviction record, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, transgender status, gender identity, veteran status, military service, membership in the national guard, state defense force or any other reserve component of the military forces of the United States or Wisconsin, use or nonuse of lawful products off District premises during non-working hours and away from District sponsored activities, or other protected group status as required by State or Federal law. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 39.41 Wisconsin Statutes
 39.415
 118.13
 118.27
 PI 9.03(1), Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 345.11, Procedures for Academic Excellence Scholarships
 345.12, Procedures for Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarships
 411, Student Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment
 460-Rule, Student Award Guidelines
 511, Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

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