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# LORD TWEEDSMUIR STUDENT RECOGNITION

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Parent Information Package  
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# Philosophy

At Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary, we believe in celebrating the unique learning journey of every student. Therefore, our student recognition program is designed with the ethos of not only celebrating outstanding academic excellence but also honoring the diverse paths of learning each student embarks upon, leading to growth and achievement in diverse curricular areas. We know that learning is multifaceted, encompassing much more than just grades. Therefore, our student recognition program is deeply rooted in the BC Core Competencies, emphasizing the development of personal and social competencies as well as the importance of communication alongside intellectual growth. Our student recognition program is also designed with the First Peoples Principles in mind and will continue to evolve in a way that values student identity and experience, and students' connectedness to the world around them. We are grateful to be able to learn and celebrate learning on the unceded territories of the q̓ícəy' (Katzie), q'wá:n̓'ən' (Kwantlen), and SEMYOME (Semiahmoo) Nations.

# Course Awards

Course Awards are based on outstanding curricular achievement in a course. Note that these awards include Physical and Health Education (PE) courses but exclude Athletics (e.g. extracurricular sports teams), which are recognized separately.

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## ELIGIBILITY

*All students are eligible.*  
*Criteria are determined by each subject area department but would typically include top academic students.*

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## HOW TO APPLY

*No application necessary.*  
*Teachers submit candidate names for consideration based on end-of-semester or end-of-year grades.*

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## RECOGNITION

*Awards Ceremony (gr 8-11)*  
*Commencement (gr 12)*  
*Certificate of recognition*

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# Other Department Awards

Other Department Awards are based on criteria other than strictly curricular achievement. These can be based on achievements unique to a subject area or other general skills (e.g. grit, resilience, leadership, mentorship, growth, performance).

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## ELIGIBILITY

*All students are eligible.*

*Criteria are determined by each subject area department and are unique to the knowledge and skills developed in that subject area.*

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## HOW TO APPLY

*No application necessary.*

*Teachers submit candidate names for consideration based on the specific criteria for the awards.*

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## RECOGNITION

*Awards Ceremony (gr 8-11)*

*Commencement (gr 12)*

*Certificate of recognition*

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# Core Competency Awards (NEW)

Core Competency Awards are based on demonstrated growth in one of the three Core Competencies, across multiple curricular and/or extracurricular areas.

Growth is in relation to a student's progress through the [Core Competency profiles](#)

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## ELIGIBILITY

*All students are eligible to apply.*

*Criteria include demonstrated growth across multiple curricular and/or extracurricular areas.*

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## HOW TO APPLY

*Students can nominate themselves or be nominated by a teacher.*

*Candidates must submit an application to be considered. A selection committee will review applications to determine award recipients.*

*Details of application process to be announced in the spring of 2024.*

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## RECOGNITION

*Awards Ceremony (gr 8-11)*

*Commencement (gr 12)*

*Certificate of recognition*

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# Honour Roll

The Honour Roll is based on the achievement of earning a grade average of 73% (3.0 GPA) or higher across all courses during a school year. Grade 10-12 students are eligible for Honour Roll.

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## ELIGIBILITY

*All students in grades 10-12 are eligible.*

*Students must achieve a 73% (3.0 GPA) average or higher in the current academic year.*

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## HOW TO APPLY

*No application necessary.*

*This award is automatically calculated based on end-of-year percentages, which are converted to a GPA.*

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## RECOGNITION

*Certificate of recognition*

*Bumper sticker*

*Name published on school website and parent newsletter*

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# 4.0 GPA Award (Current Year)

The 4.0 GPA Award is based on achievement of a 4.0 GPA for the current school year.  
Grade 10-12 students are eligible for this award.

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## ELIGIBILITY

*All students in grade 10-12 are eligible.*

*Students must achieve a 4.0 GPA during their current academic year.*

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## HOW TO APPLY

*No application necessary.*

*This award is automatically calculated based on end-of-year percentages, which are converted to a GPA.*

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## RECOGNITION

*Commencement (grade 12s)*

*Certificate of recognition*

*Name published on school website and in parent newsletter*

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# 4.0 GPA Award (Across All Years)

The 4.0 GPA Award is based on achievement of a 4.0 GPA across all eligible school years.

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## ELIGIBILITY

*All students in grade 12 are eligible.*

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## HOW TO APPLY

*No application necessary.  
This award is automatically calculated based on end-of-year percentages across all grade levels where percentages were assigned. Percentages are then converted to a GPA.*

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## RECOGNITION

*Commencement*

*Plaque of recognition*

*Name published on school website and in parent newsletter*

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# Valedictorian

The Valedictorian is a student representative of the current year's graduating class.

They have the honour of speaking on behalf of the graduating class at the commencement ceremony as well as grad dinner/dance.

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## ELIGIBILITY

*All grade 12 students are eligible to apply.*

*Eligibility is also based on outstanding curricular and extracurricular achievement as well as the candidate's suitability to be a representative of the current year's graduating class.*

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## HOW TO APPLY

*Candidates must submit an application to be considered.*

*The final decision will be based on consideration of a student vote and the discretion of the selection committee.*

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## RECOGNITION

*Commencement*

*Grad Dinner/Dance*

*Plaque of recognition*

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