
LORD TWEEDSMUIR STUDENT RECOGNITION



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.

ELIGIBILITY

All students are eligible.

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

HOW TO APPLY

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

RECOGNITION

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

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).

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.

HOW TO APPLY

No application necessary.

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

RECOGNITION

Awards Ceremony (gr 8-11)

Commencement (gr 12)

Certificate of recognition

Core Competency Awards

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](#)

ELIGIBILITY

All students are eligible to apply.

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

HOW TO APPLY

Students can nominate themselves or be nominated by a teacher.

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

Details of application process are sent out separately.

RECOGNITION

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

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.

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.

HOW TO APPLY

No application necessary.

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

RECOGNITION

Certificate of recognition

Bumper sticker

Name published on school website and parent newsletter

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.

ELIGIBILITY

All students in grade 10-12 are eligible.

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

HOW TO APPLY

No application necessary.

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

RECOGNITION

Commencement (grade 12s)

Certificate of recognition

Name published on school website and in parent newsletter

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. Note that years where proficiency scales were in use are not eligible as part of the 4.0 GPA calculation.

ELIGIBILITY

All students in grade 12 are eligible.

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.

RECOGNITION

Commencement

Plaque of recognition

Name published on school website and in parent newsletter

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.

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.

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates must submit an application to be considered.

A selection committee will decide on the successful applicant based on an audition and interview.

RECOGNITION

Commencement

Grad Dinner/Dance

Plaque of recognition
