

5440.1 - Awards for Athletic Achievement

The Board of Education acknowledges that students may be recognized for achievement in interscholastic sports. The process by which a determination for special recognition in sports is made must be free of conflict and the appearance of conflict or favoritism. All such determinations shall be made independent of factors other than the criteria established for the recognition of such achievement.

The Superintendent is directed to establish each year a committee comprised of persons independent of the particular sport in which a student may be recognized to determine the winner(s) of any awards, honors, or recognition requested by a coach or other person or group. Where a slate of nominees is to be presented for consideration or vote, such as Athlete of the Year, then the slate shall be determined by such committee, and the consideration or vote shall be made by the Committee. If there is an academic component to a particular honor, award, or recognition, individual guidance department personnel shall assist in identifying the nominees who meet established eligibility requirements. This policy does not apply to coaches making team-specific awards within the particular team.

The Superintendent is directed to establish criteria for the citizenship component of such awards, where one exists.

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