

# Middle School Student Recognition Program



A progressive middle school program must address the social and psychological needs of the students that it serves. In an effort to make certain that recognition of student success is a strong part of the academic and extracurricular program at El Dorado Private School, we have developed a *Student Recognition Program*.

This program is comprised of several components. Middle School students thrive in an atmosphere where their efforts are given recognition. The El Dorado Private School *Student Recognition Program* has been developed to offer incentives in both social and academic areas.

The *Student Recognition Program* provides recognition for special accomplishments through EDPS Dollars, Student of the Month, Principal's Award and Honor Roll, Virginia Berry Memorial Scholarship, Presidential Physical Fitness Award, Presidential Academic Award, Perfect Attendance, Spirit Award and Oscar Berry Memorial Award.

## EDPS Dollars

Any EDPS staff member may present an EDPS dollar to any Middle School student who demonstrates good citizenship, a positive attitude, demonstrates helpfulness to others or service to the school. Students who receive the EDPS dollars are then entered into a monthly drawing where they are eligible to receive movie tickets, Blockbuster cards or a bookstore gift cards.

## Student of the Month

Every month one new Student of the Month is chosen in Middle School. The criteria for selection are:

- 1) Working at individual ability level
- 2) Showing exceptional citizenship and positive aspects of character (courteous, helpful, cooperative, honesty, compassion, kindness, tolerance, etc.)
- 3) Improvement in academics or citizenship (when applicable)
- 4) Positive role model for others
- 5) Being the best he/she is capable of being

## **Principal's Award**

El Dorado Private School will be recognizing outstanding students in academics as well as extra effort.. Principal's Award recipients are determined at the end of each quarter. The Award list will be published each quarter in the school newsletter and parents will receive a letter of congratulations. Students must receive an (A) grade in each academic subject or a GPA of 4.0. All effort grades must be a 4. A student may not receive an incomplete in any subject area to be considered for this award.

## **Honor Roll**

Honor Roll recipients are determined at the end of each quarter. The Award list will be published each quarter in the school newsletter. Students must receive a (B or A) letter grade in each academic subject or a GPA of 3.5 or higher. All effort grades must be a 3 or 4. A student may not receive an incomplete in any subject area to be considered for this award.

Principal's Award and Honor Roll GPA's are calculated on the following grade scale.

<b>A = 4.0</b>	<b>A- = 3.6</b>	<b>B+ = 3.4</b>	<b>B = 3.0</b>
<b>B- = 2.6</b>	<b>C+ = 2.4</b>	<b>C = 2.0</b>	<b>C- = 1.6</b>

Principal's Award and Honor Roll GPA's are not rounded. Awards are presented at the end of each quarter by Mrs. McDermott.

## **Virginia Berry Memorial Scholarship**

The Virginia Berry Memorial Scholarship is named for the co-founder of El Dorado Private School. The recipient of this scholarship must meet the following eligibility criteria and will receive a \$500 U. S. Savings Bond:

- Exhibits determination to succeed
- Exhibits personal integrity
- Exhibits responsibility
- Exhibits high standard of character
- Evidences strong potential for academic performance
- Maintains regular attendance
- Displays outstanding qualities of citizenship
- Demonstrates commitment to their school community
- Demonstrates creativity
- Demonstrates a concern and a willingness to encourage others
- Demonstrates high ideals
- Has special outside interests
- Demonstrates leadership contribution to school

The well-rounded student who is the recipient of the Virginia Berry Memorial Scholarship must combine distinguished talents with character leadership potential and a commitment to the community and El Dorado Private School. To meet the eligibility requirements, the student must be enrolled in sixth grade or a higher grade less class for a minimum of one year at El Dorado Private School.

### **Presidential Physical Fitness Award**

This award is a tool developed by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports to assist in teaching students the principles of fitness while measuring their strength, flexibility and endurance. The award has been created to motivate students to become more physically fit. The Presidential Physical Fitness Award is given to students in grades, 6, 7 and 8 who score at or above the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile on all five items of the President's Challenge.

sit-ups, shuttle run, one-mile run, sit-and-reach and pull-ups

The Presidential Award consists of an embroidered Presidential emblem and a certificate signed by the President of the United States.

### **Presidential Academic Award**

This award is recognition on the national level for outstanding academic achievement. Qualifications for this award include the following:

- 1) The recipient must be an 8<sup>th</sup> grade member of Middle School.
- 2) The recipient must maintain a 3.33 GPA or better grade point average the entire year.

The Presidential Academic Award is presented as a gold-embossed certificate signed by the President of the United States.

### **Perfect Attendance Award**

This award is given to the student who has attended El Dorado Private School for the entire school year without missing a full day of school (except for religious holidays). Tardy days will be taken into consideration with no more than *three tardies* allowed during the school year.

### **Spirit Award**

This award is given to the student who consistently wears an EDPS School Spirit on the designated *Spirit Days*. He/she must also participate in Spirit Week as well as on Special Days. This student must display genuine school spirit throughout the year.

## Oscar Berry Memorial Award

This award is given to an eighth grade graduate. The criteria for selection includes:

- Activities—takes part in a variety of school activities; is a doer as well as a joiner
- Appearance—has the “All-American” look; is neat, clean and presentable; does not dress to the extreme but uses good taste
- Attitude—thinks positively, uses common sense; does extra when needed; is agreeable and sincere in action and thought
- Courtesy—uses good manners at all times, in all places
- Leadership—demonstrates positive leadership; is depended upon by others
- Scholarship—is a good academic student and attempts to work up to capacity
- Sportsmanship—understands and accepts decisions
- Enthusiasm—is eager to participate in the classroom as well as in other activities

A \$500 U. S. Savings Bond is presented to the recipient.

