

# Honor Roll Committee

## Consistency Initiative

### Report

May 23, 2014

#### Background Information

Honor roll is a topic that generates discussion at the school level and by parents of our students. Phone calls concerning the criteria used in determining honor roll, filter into ISC and concerns are addressed with the directors and principals of schools. Several schools are using practices that are different from each other, thus causing problems if a student relocates to another school within our division.

According to school board policy, report cards or other periodic report forms are used in reporting to parents, a student academic progress in all schools. Students are encouraged to reach their maximum potential in academic and other programs, and should be recognized for their achievements. Honor roll is one avenue used to recognize students who have achieved the learning objectives at a level that exceeds the normal.

Three different honor roll distinctions were implemented several years ago. When the new grading scale was introduced, the Information Technology Department reprogrammed the system to reflect those changes. Our new student information system has the program available for schools to generate lists of students meeting the set requirements.

#### Purpose of the Committee

Due to inconsistencies among schools, a committee was formed with representation from elementary, middle, and high schools, the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and representation from the Information Technology Department. The purpose of the committee was to make recommendations for developing consistency to the honor roll practice among all school levels by providing common language and definitive grading criteria. The committee discussed the following:

- *Types of recognition used at each school level*
- *Determination of honor roll at each school level*
- *Various types of awards based on grades and the effect on an honor graduate*
- *Name distinction for the various types of honor roll recognitions*
- *Automated printing of "honor roll" on the report card each grading period*

#### Input from Schools and Surrounding School Divisions

In an effort to obtain information from all schools and to examine division trends, school counselors were contacted and asked to provide input on how honor roll and recognitions occurred in their school. The following information was discovered:

- *Majority of elementary schools included the "minus" portion of a letter grade when determining honor roll.*

- **Middle and high schools did not use the “minus” portion of the letter grade when determining honor roll.**
- **A number of the elementary schools give an all A honor roll and an A/B honor roll.**
- **Some elementary schools only recognize the A/B honor roll.**
- **Majority of middle schools give three levels of distinction for honor roll:**
  1. **All A (with no minuses)**
  2. **The A/B (with no minuses)**
  3. **The A/B/Cs (with no minuses)**
- **Most high schools use some version of an ABC honor roll.**

Other school divisions were contacted by email to obtain their guidelines for honor roll distinction/recognition. The results showed variation between all A’s and ABC with no C-. The committee reviewed this information and agreed that in order to bring consistency in our school division among all school levels the following honor roll recommendations should go into effect beginning the 2014-2015 school year.

## HONOR ROLL CRITERIA

Superintendent’s Honor Roll Award				
Grades	3-5	6-8	9-12	
	All A’s and/or A-	<b>3.85 – 4.00 GPA</b> <i>(with no grade lower than an A- and no rounding or weighting)</i>	<b>3.85 – 4.00 GPA</b> <i>(with no grade lower than an A- no rounding or weighting)</i>	
Principal’s Honor Roll Award				
Grades	3-5	6-8	9-12	
	All A’s and/or B’s including a B-	<b>3.50 – 3.84 GPA</b> <i>(with no grade lower than a B-)</i>	<b>3.50 – 3.84 GPA</b> <i>(with no grade lower than a B-)</i>	
Honor Roll Award				
Grades	3-5	6-8	9-12	
	All A’s and/or B’s <i>(with no grade lower than a C)</i>  A student must make an “A” to balance each “C” that is received.	<b>3.00– 3.49 GPA</b> <i>(With no grade lower than a C)</i>	<b>3.00 – 3.49 GPA</b> <i>(With no grade lower than a C)</i>	

**Report Cards will have the type of honor roll printed on the report card for each marking period.**

### **RECOGNITION OF HONOR ROLL**

Honor Roll recognition/recognition programs will be determined at the school level at the discretion of each school.