

# Academic Awards Criteria

## Grading Scale

(As outlined in the RCPS Parent Handbook)

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 74-79

D = 70-73

F = below 70

In order to adequately prepare for our Awards Ceremonies, the last day for Awards Day qualifying grades will be the week before the last day of school. The exact date will be communicated 30 to 45 days prior. (Grades as of this date will determine Awards eligibility.) This allows ample time for teachers to complete grading and prepare for the awards ceremony.

Award	Criteria/Purpose	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>ALL A Honor Roll</b>	Students who qualify for ALL A Honor Roll must have an "A" average in all Core Content & Connections classes.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>A/B Honor Roll</b>	Students who qualify for A/B Honor Roll must have an "A" or "B" average in all Core Content & Connections classes.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Perfect Attendance</b>	Any student who has zero absences. <i>(A student with a total of 5 or more unexcused tardies and/or unexcused early checkouts cannot receive a perfect attendance certificate.)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Best Overall Student (Core Content)</b>	A student is chosen from each team for each core content area who has maintained their high level of academic achievement throughout the entire year in the classroom and on local & district assessments (i.e. Common Formative Assessments, STAR, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Best Overall Student (Connections)</b>	A student is chosen from each connections course who has maintained their high level of academic achievement throughout the entire year. <i>(1 per Connections Course per grade level)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Most Improved</b>	A student is chosen from each team for each content area who has exhibited extra effort in their schoolwork and made improvements.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Citizenship</b>	A student is chosen from each team who has exhibited the best combined attributes of scholastic achievement with qualities of leadership, service, sportsmanship, personal growth, and concern for others.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>PBIS Ambassador</b>	A student is chosen from each team who has demonstrated CMS PBIS Values of (NO Failing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	Grades, NO Missing Assignments, NO Unexcused Absences and NO Behavior Referrals).			
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<b>ALL A Honor Roll</b> (3 yrs)	Students who qualify for ALL A Honor Roll – 3 yrs must have earned an “A” average in all Core Content & Connections classes during 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grades.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Perfect Attendance</b> (3 yrs)	Any student who has met the Perfect Attendance criteria during 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grades.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>President’s Award</b> (Educational Excellence) <small>*One winner per team*</small>	The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward the highest educational excellence on each team. This program rewards academic success in the classroom and school. To be eligible for this award, students must be at the top 5% of their class, have no more than 3 excused absences or excused tardies, scores as a “Distinguished Learner” in at least 1 category on Georgia Milestones and recommendations from at least two teachers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Principal’s Award</b> <small>*Multiple Nominees – One 8th grade winner *</small>	To be eligible for this award, students must be at the top 10% of their class and nominated by their instructional team. Each nominee will write an essay and will be interviewed by a panel comprised of Administrative and other Leadership Team Members. The principal and the interview panel make the final selection.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>STAR Reading Achievement</b>	The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward students who met our school-wide STAR Reading Scale Score Goal.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>STAR Reading Growth</b>	The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward students who increased their STAR Reading Scale Score by 100 points or more between beginning and end of current school year.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>STAR Math Achievement</b>	The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward students who met our school-wide STAR Reading Scale Score Goal.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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<b>STAR Math Growth</b>	The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward students who increased their STAR Reading Scale Score by 100 points or more between beginning and end of current school year.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Milestones Moguls</b>	The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward students who scored Distinguished in any sections of the Milestones Assessment for the current school year. <i>(Included only if official score results have been provided by GADOE.)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Principal's Panel Award</b>	To be eligible for this award, students must have participated on the Principal's Panel for the current school year.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>CMS Service Award</b>	The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward students who have provided service to CMS for the current school year in any of the following capacities (Flag Manager, School Announcement Assistants, Audio Visual Assistants, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Civil Air Patrol</b>	To be eligible for this award, students must have participated in the CMS Civil Air Patrol Unit for the current school year.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Samantha Smith Award</b>	If every teacher is lucky enough to have a student like Sammie then their career will be a most fulfilling one. Samantha Smith was an 8th grade best all-around student here at CMS. In June of 2000, heaven decided that it needed another angel, and Sammie was called home. Conyers Middle School is a better place because of students that possess the same qualities as Sammie. Today we honor her memory by presented one student from each team with the Samantha Smith Award for being the best all-around student on the team. s			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>ALL Teams</b>
<b>Carl Pehrson Award</b>	The Carl Pehrson Award has been given for the past 25 years. Carl was the son of a former teacher here at CMS who made great academic gains showing that determination remains the key ingredient to academic success.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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<b>Linda McReynolds-Bailey Award</b>	Linda McReynolds-Bailey was a caring and wonderful teacher. Many times she provided lunch money clothes and necessities to students in need. She exemplified great citizenship. Sadly, Linda was called to heaven too soon. Her kind deeds still touch our hearts and remain an example of what we all should be. In honor of her life of devotion, CMS presents one student with this award. This student is kind, respectful, and generous. She is always willing to lend a helping hand to any of her fellow students.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Nicole Richardson Award</b>	The Nicole Richardson Award is presented to a student who exemplifies citizenship. As a member of the CMS family, this student exhibits a caring and compassionate attitude to their fellow classmates and others. She is always helpful and compassionate. She is also willing to help others in need. The recipient of this year's award is also a strong academic student. She was an AVID ambassador, a member of the CMS Ladies Basketball team, and participant in school productions.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Ken Howell Awards</b>	The Ken Howell Award recognizes the most valuable male and female student athletes. To be eligible for this award an 8th grade student must excel in at least 2 sports, exhibit good behavior, and maintain a C average or above.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male Female
<b>Kerr Cup Awards</b>	The Kerr Cup, an award of excellence, recognizes an outstanding 8th grade young woman and young man for their scholastic achievement, integrity and service to others. The award is presented in honor of J. Chester Kerr, Jr., former Judge of the Juvenile Court for Orange County Florida, by his son, Dr. Wayne Kerr of Conyers. Judge Kerr was widely known for his innovative programs for youth, his numerous contributions to the community, and his personal and professional integrity. The two students honored today have demonstrated these strong personal traits and serve as role models to their classmates.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male Female

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<b>Academic Cup</b>	<p>The Academic Cup is the highest honor a student can receive at Conyers Middle School. This award is presented to the top 8th grade student. The student must exhibit high moral standards, character beyond reproach, high test scores, superior grades and stellar behavior. This year's recipient is the epitome of this award. This student was highly recommended from all of her teachers across all Academic Teams, has the highest grade point average in all four academic subjects, and has excelled on every assessment. This student comes across as having a 'quiet brilliance' as compared to her peers.</p> <p>Additionally, this student is very caring, thoughtful and appreciative for the guidance she gains from her teachers.</p>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>