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The Board of Education believes that pupil achievement should be recognized at all levels in a manner appropriate to the pupil's accomplishment.

The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to develop criteria and procedures for presenting awards to pupils for scholarship and outstanding accomplishments in the arts, athletics and citizenship.

The Superintendent shall review and advise the Board on acceptance of proposed trophies, prizes, scholarships or other awards from non-school donors. Any such proposed award shall be free from bias as outlined in the district's affirmative action policies.

Criteria regarding eligibility and selection for awards shall be disseminated annually to all pupils and parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Academic Recognition

The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to establish criteria and procedures for placing pupils in grades three through twelve on academic honor rolls.

Athletics - Individual and Team Championships

The Board wishes to recognize the achievements of pupils who give many hours of their time to represent the school in interscholastic athletics. A committee composed of coaches, Athletic Director, and Principal shall decide awards in each sport:

1. Only varsity letter winners, when the team practices separately, and junior varsity letter, when the teams practice together, will be eligible for championship awards;
2. Only championships won in recognized Shore Conference of High Schools, Monmouth County and N.J.S.I.A.A. competitions will be eligible for awards.
3. A jacket will be awarded on a one-time basis to all team members as specified in 1 and 2;
4. In the event that an individual wins a championship, as defined in 2 but his/her team does not win a championship, the individual will be awarded



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a jacket. This award will not preclude an individual receiving a team jacket in a subsequent year;

5. If a team or individual win a duplicate championship in consecutive years, the following awards schedule will apply as specified in 1 and 2:

- a. Second Year - Embroidered Athletic Bag;
- b. Third Year - Championship Watch; and
- c. Fourth Year - Championship Ring.

6. If a team or individual wins a championship at the highest N.J.S.I.A.A. State Championship level; they will be awarded a championship ring rather than those awards defined in 2 and 4;

7. Coaches approved by the Board of Education will be eligible to receive awards for team championships only; and

8. In the event that a coach wins more than four team championships consecutively, the aforementioned sequence of awards will be repeated.

Service Participation

School service groups shall be recognized for participation in order to emphasize the importance of good citizenship in school life as outlined in the course of study.

Speech, Drama and Dance Team - Individual and Team Championships

The Long Branch Board of Education recognizes that participation in speech, drama and dance competition contributes significantly to the attitudinal development of the pupil toward himself/herself, the school, and society. As such, the Long Branch Board of Education believes that this interscholastic activity should lead to appropriate recognition and rewards for outstanding individual or team achievement.

Championship Awards

1. Only varsity letter winners, winning any of the following listed championships, and high school advisors to the Speech, Drama and Dance Team, will be eligible to receive championship awards:



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- a. Any team that places first, second or third in the New Jersey State Forensic League Championship; and
 - b. Any individual who places first or second in the New Jersey District Forensic League Championship.
2. A jacket will be awarded on a one-time basis to all individual or team champions as specified in 1. This award will be made to the pupil upon winning his/her first championship.
- In the event that a team wins a championship and an individual member of that team wins an additional championship during the same school year, the individual will receive only one jacket with a chenille signifying his or her individual championship.
3. In the event that an individual wins a championship but his/her team does not win a championship, the individual will be awarded a jacket. This jacket will be awarded individually on a one time basis in this activity. It will not preclude an individual from receiving a team championship jacket in a subsequent year, nor will it preclude an individual champion from receiving a jacket if he/she had won a jacket as a member of a championship team in a prior year. Similarly, the following awards will be consistent with the jacket policy for individual and team champions.
3. A gym bag will be awarded on a one time basis to all two time individual or team champions.
 4. A plaque will be awarded on a one time basis to all three time individual or team champions.
 5. A trophy will be awarded on a one time basis to all four time individual or team champions.
 6. Advisors will be eligible to receive awards for team championships only.
 7. In the event that an advisor wins more than four team championships, the aforementioned sequence of awards will be repeated.



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