

Academic Awards Criteria

Student of the Month

Chosen monthly by the staff.

Junior High Honour Awards

- Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science, and
- Highest two (2) other marks
 - Health/DPA and Phys Ed are blended
 - Option Classes are blended (2 highest)

Honour Awards will have the following three levels:

Honours (80% or above and less than 85%)

Honours with Distinction (85% or above and less than 90%)

Honours with Great Distinction (90% and above)

Senior High Honour Awards

GRADE 10

- One of: English 10-1, 10-2, 10-4 and
- Two of the following:
 - Math 10-4, Math 10-3, Math 10C
 - Science 10, 14, 10-4
 - Social Studies 10-1, 10-2, 10-4
 - A language at the Grade 10 level (1000 series), and
- Two courses with a minimum three credit value at the Grade 10 level (1000 or 4000 series) including those listed above and combined introductory C.T.S. courses.

NOTES:

- A course cannot be repeated after a higher level course has been taken in the same series.
- Eligibility is restricted to grades obtained while at Picture Butte High School.
- Averages are not rounded up for scholarship purposes.
- Driver Education, Work Experience, Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAP), Green Certificate, and Special Projects will not be used when calculating a student's average.
- Regarding CALM, this course can be taken in any grade but the final mark will be calculated in Grade 11.

GRADE 11

- One of: English 20-1, 20-2, 20-4, and
- Two of the following:
 - Math 20-1, Math 20-2, Math 20-3, Math 20-4
 - Science 20, 20-4, 24
 - Biology 20
 - Chemistry 20
 - Physics 20
 - Social Studies 20-1, 20-2, 20-4
 - A language at the Grade 11 level (2000 series), and
- Two courses with a minimum three credit value at the Grade 11 level (2000 or 5000 series) including those listed above and combined intermediate C.T.S. courses.

GRADE 12

- One of: English 30-1, 30-2, 30-4, and
- Two of the following:
 - Math 30-1, 30-2, 30-3
 - Mathematics 31
 - Science 30
 - Biology 30
 - Chemistry 30
 - Physics 30
 - Social Studies 30-1, 30-2
 - Any one language at the Grade 12 level (3000 series).
- Two courses with a minimum five credit value at the Grade 12 level (3000 or 6000 series) including those listed above and combined advanced C.T.S. courses.

C.T.S. Courses:

Three one credit modules can be combined and used as an option at the Grade 10 and/or Grade 11 level.

Five one credit modules can be combined and used as an option at the Grade 12 level. To be combined:

- all courses must be from the same level i.e. Introductory, Intermediate or Advanced,
- courses can be from different streams or subject areas, i.e. computer courses with welding courses, and
- marks will be averaged.

Senior High Subject Awards

These awards recognize the student who received the highest grade in each of the given courses.

- All core subjects will have an award presented. For all non-core classes an award will be awarded for every timetabled class offered at Picture Butte High School based on the following criteria:
 1. Sponsor directives will always be followed, unless the course is not offered.
 2. The recipient must have a mark in the course over 75%.
- Students will be eligible for subject awards (regardless of grade) if
 - they completed the course in the current school year.
 - they completed the course at Picture Butte High School.
- For CTS course:
 - Three one credit modules can be combined and used as an option at the Grade 10 and/or Grade 11 level.
 - Five one credit modules can be combined and used as an option at the Grade 12 level. To be combined:
 - ⊙ All courses must be from the same strand, but can be at different levels. Preference will be given to students with credits all at the same level and
 - ⊙ marks will be averaged.
- Only teacher awarded marks will be used. Blended marks (teacher awarded + Provincial Exam) will not be used.
- All effort will be given to recognizing one student, unless more than one award is available or otherwise indicated by the sponsor of the award.
- If more than one award is available to be presented more than one student will be awarded the awards.
- When more than one student is tied for an award and only one award is available to be presented the money will be split equally and all tied individuals will be given an award.

Grade 12 Academic Awards

These awards recognize the top students enrolled in the current grade 12 class.

- The sponsors' criteria will be used to assign awards to students.
- When no sponsor criteria are given, awards will be assigned to students at the discretion of the awards committee.
- The awards committee will be guided by the principle of equitable distribution while maintaining a focus on high academic achievement when distributing these awards.
- These awards will be distributed as follows:
 - In a case where **15 or more** students have averages higher than 80%;
 - the five students with the highest averages will receive 3 awards.
 - the five students with the next highest averages will receive 2 awards.
 - the five students with the next highest averages will receive 1 awards.
 - Any additional students with averages higher than 80% will receive 1 award.
 - In a case where there are **less than 15** students with averages higher than 80%;
 - At the discretion of the awards committee, the "cut-off" point for awards may be lowered.
 - The awards will be divided in the same spirit as above.
- In a case where a single student has received a large number of awards and the committee feels that the second place student is equally deserving of recognition, the committee will use their discretion to distribute the awards in an equitable manner.

These awards will be calculated using the same criteria as the grade 12 honour awards:

- One of: English 30-1, 30-2, 30-4 and
- At least two of the following:
 - Pure Mathematics 30, Applied Mathematics 30, Mathematics 31, Science 30, Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30, Social Studies 30, Social Studies 33, Any **one** language at the Grade 12 level (3000 series).

- Two courses with a minimum five credit value at the Grade 12 level (3000 or 6000 series) including those listed above and combined advanced C.T.S. courses. (See notes in honour awards criteria)

Special Awards

- The sponsors' criteria will be used to assign awards to students.
- Where the sponsor criteria are not enough direction to select a single recipient, the staff will be surveyed for worthy nominees. Class lists and award criteria will be distributed to the staff one week prior to the voting date. No nominations will be accepted after the awards meeting begins.
- In the case of students applying for awards, must have their application submitted to the awards committee by the 1st of June. If a suitable pool of candidates has not applied, the awards committee may extend the deadline by 1 week.

Highest Average (Junior High)

These awards will recognize the students with the highest average based on the honour award calculations.

- In each grade, the top student will be recognized.

Highest Average (Senior High)

These awards will recognize the students with the highest average based on the honour award calculations.

- In each grade, the top student will be recognized in both the academic and general streams.
 - A general student is defined as a student that is taking one or more core classes (English, Math, or Social Studies) at the 33/30-2/30-4/Applied level.
 - An academic student is defined as a student that is not taking any of the core classes (Biology, Chemistry, English, Math, Physics, or Social Studies) at the 33/30-2/30-4/Applied level.

Timing:

The academic awards will be held the evening before the last day of school. The Junior high awards will start at 6:30 and last for 30 minutes, followed by a break, followed by the Senior high awards.

Presenters:

Presenters will be requested to check in prior to the ceremony.

Miscellaneous

Awards that are donated at a late date will be dealt with on an ad-hoc basis.

Honour Roll

The honour roll maintained at each reporting period is separate from the year end honour awards. The honour roll will be calculated using a weighted average (for senior high, a minimum of ten credits are required, and must include one core course.). As well, any student receiving 80% or above in any course will be recognized alongside the honour roll using an achievement list.