

DRY CREEK ELEMENTARY'S
BLOCK DC HANDBOOK
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A Message from Mr. Cook

The Block DC Award is the highest award offered to upper grade students at Dry Creek Elementary School. It presents a worthy challenge and is attainable through hard work, dedication, and forethought. The recipients of this award truly exemplify the concept of the Clovis Sparthenian...to “be the best you can be in Mind, Body, and Spirit.”

Goals serve as our “guidance system” as we travel through life. They are often determined by our desires, dreams, aspirations, abilities, resources, and values. They provide direction and meaning and act as “check points” to gauge our accomplishments and progress. For this reason, goals play a significant role in the achievement of the Block DC Award.

Successful students are well-rounded and, when presented with a variety of experiences, will choose to become involved. We hope participation in the Block DC program will inspire students to try a wide variety of available Dry Creek school activities, recognize important opportunities for service, and discover new interests and hidden talents.

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Overview

The Block DC is a prestigious award designed to honor students who have demonstrated excellence in mind, body and spirit. Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 are eligible to apply for this award at the end of each semester. To earn this recognition, students must accumulate the required amount of points for their current grade level, with at least 1 point in each category:

- Scholarship/Curricular
- Co-Curricular
- Athletics
- School Service/Spirit

We highly suggest that students, along with their parents and teacher, discuss and plan for this award at the beginning of each semester.

POINT REQUIREMENTS

4TH GRADE: 18 POINTS

5TH GRADE: 20 POINTS

6TH GRADE: 20 POINTS

SPECIAL NOTE: We recognize that many Dry Creek students are involved in activities not sponsored or supported by our school programs. While we acknowledge the value of such activities, participation points will NOT be awarded for Block DC purposes. ***Block DC points will only be awarded for participation in the Dry Creek activities described in this handbook.*** Students are expected to fully participate in the activity requirements and maintain appropriate behavior during practices and performances.

MIND

SCHOLARSHIP/CURRICULAR

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL – 3

Students earning a 4.0 GPA (straight A's) on their report card earn 3 points for that quarter.

HIGH HONOR ROLL – 2

A GPA of 3.76-3.99 on the report card will earn 2 points for that quarter.

HONOR ROLL – 1

One point per quarter will be awarded to students earning a GPA of 3.50-3.75.

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PRIOR YEAR SBAC – 2 (3)

Students who reach a level 3 or 4 on the prior year's SBAC test in ELA **and** Math earn 2 points in the first semester. Students who earn a level 4 in **both** ELA and MATH earn 3 points.

MATH FACTS (BIG 4) – 2

Completing four 100 fact sheets in addition, subtraction, and multiplication; and four 90 fact sheets in division will earn 2 points. Each math facts page must be timed by the classroom teacher and completed in 3 minutes or less. Students are eligible to earn points in this category one time during the school year.

ACCELERATED READER CERTIFICATE – 2

Earning the Accelerated Reader Certificate will earn 2 points. Students must read books, pass AR tests and accumulate the required amount of points for his or her grade level during the semester earned. To reach the AR Certificate level, 4th grade students must earn 35 AR points, 5th grade students must earn 40 AR points, and 6th grade students must earn 45 AR points per semester.

DC ROBOTICS – 3 (4)/ [1]

Active participation on a Dry Creek Robotic's team will earn 3 points. If your team qualifies for the regional championship, 4 points will be awarded during the first semester. Students who continue to participate and compete in the regional championship into the second semester will earn an additional point in the second semester. Student must obtain the advisor's initials on the Block DC application to verify participation.

ESSAY CONTEST – 2 (3)

Participation in a Dry Creek sponsored essay contest is valued at 2 points. Special recognition and/or winning the contest will earn 3 points.

ACADEMIC COMPETITION – 3 (4)

Submission of a quality project in an academic, Dry Creek promoted competition, (such as History Day or Science Fair) will earn 3 points. Projects selected for regional competition will earn an additional point.

CHESS CLUB – 2 (3)

Students who participate in at least 10 chess club sessions and one tournament are eligible to earn 2 points. Team placement at a Central Valley Chess tournament will earn 3 points. Student must obtain the advisor's initials on the Block DC application to verify participation.

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CO-CURRICULAR

PERFECT ATTENDANCE – 1

Perfect attendance for the semester will earn 1 point. Students who go on Independent Study or have an unexcused tardy are not eligible for this point.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – 1 (2)

5th and 6th grade students who actively participate in orchestra or band and earn Outstanding (O) grades on both quarter report cards will receive one point for that semester. A superior rating at the district festival increases the value to 2 points in the second semester.

FESTIVAL CHOIR – 1 (2)

5th and 6th grade students who actively participate in choir and earn Outstanding (O) grades on both quarter report cards will receive one point for that semester. A superior rating at the spring district festival increases the value to 2 points in the second semester.

RECORDER BLACK BELT – 2

4th grade students who earn their “recorder black belt” during classroom music are awarded 2 points during the 2nd semester.

ORAL INTERPRETATION – 2 (3)

Participation in Oral Interpretation rehearsals and performances earns 2 points during the 2nd semester. A Superior Rating at the Oral Interp. Festival increases the value to 3 points.

DC DRAMA PRODUCTION – 3

5th and 6th grade actors, actresses, and back stage crew members earn 3 points for their involvement in the Dry Creek Drama production during the 1st semester.

GATE – 1

Students who qualify and participate in GATE activities earn 1 point per semester.

ART/POSTER CONTEST – 2 (3)

Participation in a Dry Creek sponsored art or poster contest is valued at 2 points. Special recognition and/or winning the contest will earn 3 points.

BOOK CLUB – 1

Students who attend a minimum of 7 Book Club meetings per semester earn 1 point.

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BODY

PFA HEALTHY FITNESS ZONE – 1/2 (3)

In the 1st semester, students may earn 1 point for passing the PFA mile run pretest. During the 2nd semester, all students scoring in the Healthy Fitness Zone during PFA testing earn 2 points. Students who perform above the 85th percentile/Superintendent's Award earn 3 points.

FALL SEASON – 3 (4, 5)

Athletes who attend practices and games/meets on Dry Creek's cross-country, football, or girls volleyball team earn 3 points in the 1st semester. A Buchanan Area championship increases the value to 4 points for all students participating in that sport (A, B, C teams). Team recognition as District Champions increases the value to 5 points for all students participating in that sport (A, B, C teams).

WINTER SEASON – 3 (4, 5)

Athletes who attend practices and games/tournaments on Dry Creek's girls or boys basketball, or wrestling team earn 3 points in the 1st semester. A Buchanan Area championship increases the value to 4 points for all students participating in that sport (A, B, C teams). Team recognition as District Champions increases the value to 5 points for all students participating in that sport (A, B, C teams).

SPRING SEASON – 3 (4, 5)

5th and 6th grade athletes who attend practices and games on Dry Creek's softball, baseball, or boys volleyball team earn 3 points in the 2nd semester. A Buchanan Area championship increases the value to 4 points for all students participating in that sport (A, B, C teams). Team recognition as District Champions increases the value to 5 points for all students participating in that sport (A, B, C teams).

TRACK – 2 (3, 4)

4th, 5th and 6th grade athletes who attend practices and meets on Dry Creek's track team earn 2 points in the 2nd semester. Individuals who qualify for the Buchanan Area Championship earn 3 points. Students qualifying for the District Championship meet earn 4 points.

PEP/CHEER/GAME SQUAD – 3 (4)

4th, 5th and 6th grade athletes who participate on Dry Creek's Pep, Cheer, or Game Squad earn 3 points per semester. Athletes who perform at a competition and place with a superior rating earn 4 points during the 2nd semester.

4TH GRADE SPIRIT SQUAD – 1

4th grade athletes who participate on Dry Creek's Spirit Squad earn 1 point per semester for attending monthly practices, performing in rallies, and attending the football carnival and other special events.

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SPIRIT

CITIZENSHIP – 1

Students earning an “O” for outstanding citizenship on their report card earn 1 point for that quarter.

STUDENT COUNCIL – 2 (3)

Students who are selected to serve as classroom representatives on Dry Creek’s Student Council will earn 2 points per semester. 5th and 6th grade students who are elected to hold a Student Body Office will earn 3 points per semester.

PRINCIPAL’S ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) – 1

Students who are selected to participate in regular meetings with Mr. Cook on Dry Creek’s PAC earn 1 point for the semester served.

PANTHERZ CLUB – 1

Students who apply, are selected and regularly participate in Pantherz Club will earn 1 point per semester.

ATHLETE OF CHARACTER – 1

Students who are identified as an “Athlete of Character” by an opposing team at away games will be awarded 1 point during the season and semester it was received.

SAFETY PATROL – 2

Safety Patrol members earn 2 points per semester for following the duty schedule and reporting on time to the designated location.

SCHOOL SERVICE – 2

Students may earn school service points by prearranging activities to support Dry Creek staff members and school activities. Students must complete 7.5 hours of school service. Examples include helping in the library, cafeteria, office, previous year’s teacher, etc. Students may not earn school service hours from their current teacher. Attach the Block DC School Service Form to the application for verification.