

DRY CREEK ELEMENTARY'S  
**BLOCK DC HANDBOOK**  
**2020-2021 (1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER)**

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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. It will require most, if not all students, to work outside of their comfort zone and complete activities that they would not have likely attempted if it were not for the Block DC award. 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 anticipate 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.

Go Panthers!

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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:

- MIND - Scholarship/Curricular
- ~~BODY - Athletics~~ (not available until sports resume)
- SPIRIT - 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

**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 13 POINTS**

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 13 POINTS**

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 13 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. ***Student misconduct (any suspension or 3 office referrals) and absenteeism (5 unexcused tardies or 3 unexcused absences) are grounds for disqualification of this award. Students shall behave themselves, arrive at school on time, and be present.***

## MIND

### SCHOLARSHIP/CURRICULAR

#### PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL – 2

Students earning all A's on their report card earn 2 points for that quarter.

#### HONOR ROLL – 1

Students earning all A's and two B's or all A's and one C on their report card earn 1 point for that quarter.

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**I-READY MATH TYPICAL GROWTH – 1**

Earning a minimum of 100% of the “typical growth” target after the winter diagnostic assessment will earn 1 point. [max 1 point]

**I-READY MATH STRETCH GROWTH – 1**

Earning a minimum of 66% of the “stretch growth” target after the winter diagnostic assessment will earn 1 point. [max 1 point]

**I-READY READING TYPICAL GROWTH – 1**

Earning a minimum of 100% of the “typical growth” target after the winter diagnostic assessment will earn 1 point. [max 1 point]

**I-READY READING STRETCH GROWTH – 1**

Earning a minimum of 66% of the “stretch growth” target after the winter diagnostic assessment will earn an additional 1 point. [max 1 point]

**ACCELERATED READER CERTIFICATE – 1**

Earning the Accelerated Reader Certificate will earn 1 point. Students must read books, pass AR tests and accumulate the required amount of points for his or her grade level during the first semester. To reach the AR Certificate level, **4<sup>th</sup> grade students must earn 25 AR points, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students must earn 30 AR points, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students must earn 35 AR points** in the 1st semester. [max 1 point]

**DC ROBOTICS – 2**

Active participation on a Dry Creek Robotics team will earn 2 points. If your team qualifies for the regional championship, 1 additional point will be awarded during the first semester. [max 3 points in 1<sup>st</sup> semester]

**ESSAY CONTEST – 1**

Participation in each Dry Creek sponsored essay contest is valued at 1 point. The student’s classroom teacher or Essay Contest Panel will determine if the submission meets grade level expectations and representative of a Block DC point. Special recognition and/or winning the contest will earn an additional 1 point. [max 2 points per semester]

**ACADEMIC COMPETITION – 1**

Submission of a quality project in an academic, Dry Creek promoted competition, (such as **History Day** or **Spelling Bee**) will earn 1 point. Projects selected for regional competition or qualifying for additional rounds of competition will earn an additional 1 point. [max 2 points per academic competition]

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**CHESS CLUB – 1**

Students who participate in at least 10 chess club sessions earn 1 point. Students earning 1<sup>st</sup> place at a Dry Creek sponsored chess tournament will earn an additional 1 point. [max 2 points]

**BOOK CLUB – 1**

Students who attend a minimum of 7 Book Club meetings per quarter earn 1 point. [max 2 points]

## **SPIRIT**

**STUDENT COUNCIL – 1**

All students are welcome to participate in Student Council. Those students who regularly attend student council meetings and participate in a minimum of five leadership activities will earn 1 point. Student Council elected officers, as decided by those in Student Council, have additional responsibilities and may earn an additional 1 point. [max 2 points]

**PANTHERZ CLUB – 1**

Students who apply, are selected and regularly participate in Pantherz Club will earn 1 point. [max 1 point]

**CHEERLEADING – 2**

Students who participate on Dry Creek's Spirit Squad or Game Cheer Squad earn 2 points during the 1<sup>st</sup> semester for attending monthly practices and serving as spirit leaders in the classroom. [max 2 points]

**HERITAGE EVENT – 1**

Students who participate in the Dry Creek Panther Heritage Event will earn 1 point. [max 1 point]

**ART/POSTER CONTEST – 1**

Participation in a Dry Creek sponsored art or poster contest is valued at 1 point. Special recognition and/or winning the contest will earn an additional 1 point. Only one submission to an art/poster contest per semester will accepted for Block DC. [max 2 points]