

PCSST REWARDING OPPORTUNITIES

At PCSST, we believe that every student can achieve. Whether focusing on personal grade point average growth or achieving AP Scholar recognition, PCSST is always looking to recognize success. Expect to excel in academics, citizenship, and leadership. We strive to recognize students who go above and beyond to do the right thing for others. We celebrate the different talents and skills of our students by awarding students in various academic and extracurricular areas. Opportunities to lead and grow are everywhere at PCSST. Set goals for yourself and work each day to reach those goals. Are you ready?

There are more than twenty ways you can shine at PCSST. Academic excellence is our top priority! We know and support the hard work and academic accomplishments of our students. We have implemented 20 ways to reinforce academic accomplishments.

Read the following list carefully and determine the honors that you want to achieve! Some of the academic awards can be earned over the course of your four years at PCSST while other awards are earned by completing a rigorous, AP academic program. Some awards have specific cumulative grade point averages as a part of the criteria, and some require grit more than anything else.

1) Academic Numerals

Freshmen who earn the 3.5 all four quarters of their ninth grade year can earn chenille numerals of their graduating year. (For example, the Class of 2018 earn '18 numerals.) Academic numerals are only earned the freshmen year.



2) Academic Letters



Sophomores through seniors can receive chenille Lion Paw with the word “academic” written in the middle by earning a grade point average of 3.5 for four consecutive terms.

3) Academic Certificates

Once a student has earned a letter, four consecutive terms of 3.5 will receive an academic letter certificate. Academic letters and certificates are awarded at special celebrations in the fall and spring.

4) Academic Honors (Yellow & Blue Cord)

An award earned by seniors who meet the following criteria:

- A total accumulation of 160 credits or more
- At least 104 of those credits must be in the core areas of science, social studies, language arts, world languages or mathematics; including a years of study in both Geometry and Physics
- Students must earn a 3.0 grade point average in the courses used to meet the program criteria.

5) Academic Honors with Distinction (Yellow & Blue Cord)

An award earned by seniors who meet the following criteria:

- A total accumulation of 165 credits of more
- At least 110 credits in the core areas of science, social studies, language arts, world languages and mathematics; including at least a year of study in both Geometry and Physics
- Completion of four years each of mathematics, science, and language arts
- Completion of three years of social studies
- Completion of two years of a world language
- Students must earn a 3.33 cumulative grade point average in the courses uses to meet the program criteria.

6) AP Scholar Recognition

Students meeting criteria for the AP Scholar series receive special recognition in the fall once the College Board publishes the official scores.

Scholars also receive a medal commending the honor. Several recognitions are attainable. Recognitions include:



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- AP Scholar- one exam with a 3.0 or better
- AP Scholar with Honors- an average score of 3.25 of all exams and a score of 3.0 or higher on two or more of these exams

- AP Scholar with Distinction- an average score of at least 3.5 on all exams taken and scores of at least 3.0 or higher on three of more of these exams.

7) Lion Honor Rolls

Students are honored in three categories for their grade points during each ten week term.

- Scholars of Excellence- (4.0 GPA)
- High Honors - (3.75-3.99 GPA)
- Honors-3.5-3.74 GPA)



8) Grade Point Improvement

We recognize those students whose GPA for a particular term is at least .25 above their average for a previous term. We value high grades, but we also want to reward improvement. Everyone has the ability to improve!



9) National Honor Society



Members of the National Honor Society are selected by a faculty committee with the advice and consent of the entire faculty. Specific membership criteria have been established by the National Honor Society and include a 3.5 cumulative grade point average as well as evidence of leadership, service, and character. Students must complete an application to become a member. Applications are available in the fall. Membership requires that students maintain standards of scholarship, leadership, service, and character throughout their high school career. Members and potential members are bound by the District's Student Handbook and Code of Conduct. Failure to meet the policy expectations may result in a member being placed on probation or having their membership revoked. Members of the National Honor Society receive a gold NHS stole to be worn at graduation.

10) National Science Honor Society

Students are invited to membership after completing the requirements of taking an AP science course, participating in a service project, and completing a learning activity. Students are bound by the District's Student Handbook and Code of Conduct. Members of the National Science Honor Society will receive an intertwined gold, green, and purple cord to be worn at graduation.



11) Language Arts Scholar



Students completing 35 hours of credit in language arts including at least one AP language arts course, or earn a 3.75GPA in language arts coursework, are awarded language arts scholar honors.

Recipients are awarded a royal blue cord to be worn at graduation.

12) Math Scholar

Students completing 35 hours of mathematics credit while in high school are awarded the math scholar honor. Recipients receive red cord at graduation commending the honor of working well beyond the minimum requirements.



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13) Science Scholar

Students completing 35 hours of science credit while in high school ear the honor of science scholar. Recipients are awarded a purple cord to be worn at graduation signifying the effort of completing four years of science study.

14) Social Studies Scholar

Students who complete 35 hours of social studies credit including a year of AP study or earn a GPA of 3.75 in social studies work are awarded the social studies scholar honor. Recipients receive a green cord to be worn at graduation commending the honor of working beyond the minimum requirements.



15) World Language Scholar

Students completing 20 hours of credit in our world language program are recognized as world language scholars. Recipients receive a white cord to be worn at graduation commending the accomplishment.

16) Student of the Arts

Students who excel in multiple and varied fine arts endeavors in high school while demonstrating exceptional leadership, conduct, and dedication to the arts program. Recipients are selected by the fine arts and performing arts faculty, and receive a pink cord signifying the recognition.

17) Service Above Self

Students completing at least 150 hours of documented community service annually earn a Service Above Self recognition. Recipients receive a blue cord signifying Service Above Self at Senior Awards Night.



18) Perfect Attendance

Each quarter we mail a special letter to all students who maintain perfect attendance for the ten weeks.



19) Excellent Attendance

Students with near perfect attendance in a marking period receive a special letter of recognition for maintaining 10 weeks of excellent attendance.

20) The "170 Credit Club"

Recognition for graduates who earn 170 or more credits in high school. Names of recipients are placed on permanent display and recipients receive a medallion to wear at graduation.