

AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT

The Board of Trustees encourages excellence as a goal for all students and wishes to publicly recognize students for unique or exemplary achievements in academic, extracurricular or community service activities. The purpose of such awards shall be consistent with school goals.

Student awards may include verbal recognition, a letter, a certificate, a Board resolution, a public ceremony, trophy, gift, plaque or cash gift.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for the appropriate selection of student award recipients.

*(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)
(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)*

Merit Diplomas

At graduation from high school, special recognition shall be awarded to those students whose academic achievements have been outstanding.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify high school students who have demonstrated mastery of the high school curriculum qualifying them for the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma. (Education Code 51454)

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

Scholarship and Loan Fund

The Board shall maintain a scholarship and loan fund which may be used to provide interest-free loans for educational advancement, scholarship or grants-in-aid to bona fide organizations, enrollees or graduates of District schools. (Education Code 35315)

Legal Reference:

- EDUCATION CODE
- 35160 Authority of governing boards*
- 35310-35319 Scholarship and loan funds*
- 44015 Awards to employees and students*
- 51450-51455 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma*

Management Resources:

- CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES
- 0620.09 Use of Categorical Funds for Motivation Incentives*

Policy

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**FORTUNA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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