

# BLOCK H AWARD



## Philosophical Statement

Maple Creek's Block H Award is the most prestigious award a student may earn at Maple Creek Elementary. This honor is available to 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders and is awarded at the end of the year.

Students may earn it both semesters, but the award ceremony will be at the end of the year for both semesters. It is our sincere hope that the Block H award serves the following functions:

- Motivation to students to become active participants at their school
- To provide a blueprint to parents and teachers in planning, encouraging and setting goals with children regarding school involvement and achievement
- To reinforce the importance of being responsible, well-rounded individuals and establish a definition of what this looks like
- To provide recognition for students having met the criteria for this award

## Overview

Students in grades 4-6 are awarded at the end of the school year with Block H. To earn the Block H award, a student must accrue checks, or items, in a broad base of participation in areas of Mind, Body, and Spirit. It is our goal that students will actively pursue this award, making it part of their planning for their total school experience. Whether or not the student actually receives the award, striving for it will enrich and enhance his/her educational foundation.

We encourage parents to work closely with students receiving the guidelines and requirements throughout the year while setting goals.

## Mind

### Scholarship

#### **Honor Roll**

Students may earn a check each quarter for earning an honor roll award.

Principal's Honor (GPA 4.0)

High Honor Roll (GPA 3.83-3.99)

Honor Roll (GPA 3.50-3.82)

No D's, F's, or N's on report card.

#### **Star Reader**

- Students **must** earn a check **each quarter** for achieving the STAR reading goal for their grade level.

## Co-Curricular

### **Science Fair Project Completed**

- Students may earn a check in the first semester for meeting deadlines while working towards completion on a Science Fair project in accordance with the guidelines provided by the advisor.
- Students may earn an additional check in the second semester for completion of project with a score of at least 70 out of 100 in the Maple Creek Science Fair competition.

### **History Day Project Completed**

- Students may earn a check in the first semester for working towards completion on a History Day project in accordance with the guidelines provided by the advisor.
- Students may earn an additional check in the second semester for completion and participation in the History Day competition.

### **Oral Interpretation**

Students may earn a check in the second semester for participating in all practices and the competition and completion of the performance.

### **Drama**

Drama productions are offered to students in grades 5 and 6 every year. When offered, students may earn a check in the first semester for attending and participating in all practices and the performance.

### **Instrumental Music**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students ONLY may earn a check each semester for participating in the Instrumental Music Program. Students must participate in performances/concerts and practices.

### **Recorders**

4<sup>th</sup> grade students ONLY may earn a check in the spring semester for passing an end of the year recorder test.

### **Choir**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students ONLY may earn a check each semester for participating in the Choir Program. Students must participate in performances/concerts/festivals and practices.

### **Robotics**

Students may earn a check for the fall semester for participating in all practices and the competition.

### **Essay Contest or Poster Contest**

Students may earn a check each semester for participation in any of the several essay or poster contests offered throughout the semester. Participation in this contest means submitting a completed essay or poster by the student which is acceptable by the teacher for entry into competition. You can earn only one check for each semester.

### **GATE Club**

Students may earn a check for each semester for participation in the Gifted and Talented Education (G.A.T.E) club. Students must attend all meetings and complete the assigned projects to receive the check.

### **MAC & Kids**

Students may earn a check each semester for attending and participating in both meetings (2 per semester) of MAC & Kids. January meeting counts for the second semester. Parent must accompany student at meetings.

### **Building Bridges Club (Formally known as Sign Language Club)**

Students may earn a check in each semester for participating in all practices and performances with the Building Bridges Club.

### **Math Masters**

4<sup>th</sup> grade students ONLY may earn a check in the first quarter (awarded to the first semester) for passing all math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division in 4 minutes with 100% accuracy). To be completed in class.

## **Body-Athletic/Fitness**

### **Sports and Cheer**

Students may earn a check for every sport that they participate in for the entire season.

First Semester 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade available sports: football, girls' volleyball, cross country, wrestling, basketball, and spirit/cheer

First Semester 4<sup>th</sup> grade available sports: cross country and spirit/cheer

Second Semester 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade available sports: baseball/softball, boys' volleyball, track, and spirit/cheer

Second Semester 4<sup>th</sup> grade available sports: track and spirit/cheer

Team Managers: Students assigned to manage an athletic team may earn a check in the sport they manage.

### **Healthy Fitness Zone in all areas of PFT**

Students may earn a check in the second semester for performing the Healthy Fitness Zone in all five areas of the Physical Fitness Test.

### **Community Athletics/Dance (only 1 per semester)**

Students may earn a check for participation in a community athletics team or dance class. A verification form must be completed and attached to the Block H form to receive the check.

### **Spirit –Student Leadership/Community Service**

Activities and requirements in this category have to do with character and leadership development. They are designed to provide opportunities for the development of such character attributes as concern for and service to others, active citizenship, civic mindedness, cooperation, responsibility, and dedication.

### **Run for Student Council Office**

Students may earn a check for RUNNING for a student body office.

### **Student Council Officer**

Students may earn an additional check for being elected as a Student Body Officer and serving for the full semester and for the full semester in accordance with the “Code of Participation” included at the end of this handbook. Note: Students may serve only one term per year as an officer on the Council.

### **Lunch Clean-up**

Students may earn a check each semester for assisting in the cafeteria at least five (5) times during the course of the semester.

### **Room Helper**

Students may earn a check each semester for being a classroom helper. Room helper entails students providing help to other students. Students may be involved in working with another student in his/her classroom or a student in another classroom.

Helpers must work in the classroom a minimum of ten (10) times during the semester.

Room helper does not include classroom book buddies.

### **Community Service/ Involvement**

Students may earn a check for performing at least four (4) hours of community service each semester. Verification of community service must be recorded on the “Community Service Verification Form”.

Examples of community service include Boy/Girl Scouts, Indian Guides/Princesses, Good News Club, church sponsored activities, visits to retirement homes, or other activities serving charitable and/or non-profit organizations.

### **Perfect Attendance**

Students may earn a check in each semester that they have no absences or unexcused tardies.

**Library/Tech Monitor**

Students can receive a check for being a library/tech monitor by helping in the library or computer lab. Students must work 30 minutes a week (not during class time). Absences may result in loss of Block H check.

**Flag Pole Patrol**

Students may earn a check each semester by serving on the flag pole patrol. Students must serve for one complete week.

**Power of 10**

Students may earn a check in the second semester for completing the Power of 10. The Power of 10 form must be completed and signed by all verifying advisors/teachers.

**Procedures for Block H Verification****Student Responsibilities**

1. Student will complete the Block H application.
2. Students will check off the activities / items they have earned.
3. Student will complete and return the "Community Service Verification Form" and "School Service Verification Form" if applicable.
4. Student will obtain initials from all advisors/coaches where required.
5. Students will turn his/her completed form(s) to their classroom teacher by specified date.

**Teacher Responsibilities**

1. Teacher will review the completed form with the student.
2. Teacher will verify activities/ items and sign the form.
3. Teacher will submit.



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## Community Service/Outside School Sports Verification Form

The student listed below is applying for Service Credit for Maple Creek Elementary's Block H Award. We are asking that the sponsor or advisor (non-family member) listed below verify the student's completion of volunteer service hours as defined by the "Guideline for Earning the Block H Award" handbook (all service hours must be without compensation and must be provided to a "non-profit" group or organization)

### Maple Creek Student Information

Name of Student Performing Service/Athletic Participation:

Teacher:

Total time volunteered/participated during the semester:  hours

General Description of the Community Service Provided:

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**Student Signature**

**Date**

### **Sponsor/Advisor/Coach Information:**

Name:

Position/Organization:

Contact Phone Number (for possible clarification/verification):

*I verify that this student provided the Community Service/Athletic Participation as described.*

**Sponsor / Advisor Signature**

**Date**