

BLOCK H AWARD

2023-24



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 4th-6th graders and is awarded at the end of the year. Students may earn this award annually and are honored at an annual award ceremony at the end of the year. 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 points, 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 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 must earn honor roll or higher and star reader all four quarters in addition to achieving 11 points in the Scholarship category.

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

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR:	4.00 (All "As") 3 points
HIGH HONORS:	3.50-3.99 2 points
HONORS:	3.00-3.49 1 point

Star Reader

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

Co-Curricular

Science Fair Project Completed

Students may earn a point for meeting deadlines and successful completion of a Science Fair project in accordance with the guidelines provided by the advisor. The Science Fair project must be of quality and meet all requirements.

Science Fair Award

Students may earn an additional point for receiving a Clovis West area award for their project.

History Day Project Completed

Students may earn a point for meeting deadlines and successful completion of a History Day project in accordance with the guidelines provided by the advisor. The History Day project must be of quality and meet all requirements.

History Day Project Award

Students may earn an additional point for receiving a Fresno county award for their project.

Oral Interpretation/Group Oral Interpretation

Students may earn a point 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 point for attending and participating in all practices and the performance.

Instrumental Music/ Choir

5th and 6th grade students ONLY may earn one point in the extra curricular category by completing a year of the school's band, orchestra, or choir program. Student must attend all performances/concerts/festivals/rehearsals to be eligible.

Recorders

4th grade students ONLY may earn a point (in the spring) for passing an end of the year recorder test.

Robotics

Students may earn a point for participating in all practices and the competition.

Essay Contest or Poster Contest

Students may earn a point 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 point 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 point for attending and participating in all meetings (4 per year) of MAC & Kids. Parent must accompany student at meetings.

Building Bridges Club

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

Math Masters

4th grade students ONLY may earn a point in the first quarter for passing all math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division in 4 minutes with 100% accuracy). To be completed in class.

Extra Curricular (only 1 per year)

Students may earn a point for participation in a community involvement, such as religious/church classes, language classes, music lesson, etc. A verification form must be completed and attached to the Block H form to receive the point. Students must participate for ten (10) or more hours annually. The student must receive preapproval from their classroom teacher for their proposed community involvement point (using attached preapproval form).

Body-Athletic/Fitness

Sports and Cheer

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

5th and 6th grade available sports: football, girls' volleyball, cross country, wrestling, basketball, baseball, softball, and boys' volleyball, and track

4th grade available sports: cross country and track

Team Managers do **not** count for Block H

Maple Creek cheer/spirit: 4th–6th grade students may receive 2 points for completion or the entire cheer/spirit season; cheer/spirit is a yearlong commitment

Healthy Fitness Zone in all areas of PFT

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

Community Athletics/Dance (only 1 per year)

Students may earn a point 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 point. Students must complete the designated season.

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 point for RUNNING for a student body office. (One point can be awarded for running for leadership in the Spring of the prior school year, for potential service in the current school year.)

Student Council Officer

Students may earn an additional point 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 point each semester for assisting in the cafeteria at least ten (10) times.

Room Helper

Students may earn a point 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. Room helper does not include classroom book buddies.

Civic Service (only 1 per year)

Students may earn a point for performing at least four (4) hours of community service per 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, church sponsored community service activities, visits to retirement homes, or other activities serving charitable and/or non-profit organizations. Must be an outside of school service (volunteering in a school or Maple Creek doesn't count). The student must receive preapproval from their classroom teacher for their proposed community involvement point (using attached preapproval form).

Library/Tech Monitor

Students can receive a point for being a library/tech monitor by helping in the library or computer lab.

Students must work in the library 10 times (not during class time). Absences may result in loss of Block H point.

Husky Spirit

Students may earn a point for wearing Husky spirit wear for at least 90% of the Friday's in the year.

Husky of Character

Students may receive one point for being recognized during the current semester for Husky of Character, as determined by the teacher. The Husky of Character is a student who exemplifies one of the 6 Pillars of Character.

Campus Beautification

- Students must apply and be selected by Guidance Instructional Specialist.
- Limited spots are available, and opportunities will be given on a first come, first serve basis.
- They will work under the Plant Supervisors supervision for a minimum of 10 designated days. Students will work either morning or lunch recess as determined by the Guidance Instructional Specialist and/or Plant Supervisor.
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Collaborative Mentoring

- Students must apply and be selected by our Collaborative Mentoring Advisor.
- Collaborative mentoring is an opportunity for students to work with our Special Education students during PE, class time, or recess.
- Limited spots are available, and opportunities will be given on a first come, first serve basis.
- They will work under the supervision of the advisor for a minimum of 10 designated days.

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, Athletics, or Involvement Verification Form" if applicable (Maximum of 4 per year) with preapproval form from classroom teacher attached.
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.

MAPLE CREEK ELEMENTARY

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Community Service, Athletics, or Involvement Verification Form

The student listed below is applying for Service Credit or Athletic Participation for Maple Creek Elementary's Block H Award. We are asking that the sponsor, advisor, or coach (non-family member), listed below verify the student's completion of volunteer service hours or participation as defined by the "Guideline for Earning the Block H Award" handbook. Important note: The proposed service project or community involvement must be preapproved by the classroom teacher.

Notes:

- ☐ All service hours must be without compensation and must be provided to a "non-profit" group or organization.
- ☐ Student must have participated and completed the athletic season.
- ☐ Community classes must total more than 10 hours

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/Athletic participation:

Student Signature

Date

Teacher Approval (must be approved prior to starting the service project/community group)

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 / Coach Signature

Date