

HOW NORTH RECOGNIZES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Honor Rolls are published each term. A trimester grade average of 3.6666 or higher qualifies for 'A' honor roll; 3.0 - 3.6665, for 'B' honor roll. Trimester Perfect Attendance honor rolls are also posted each term in the east entry display case; academic honor rolls are published in local community newspapers. Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance certificates are awarded in the term following achievement.

Academic Letter – Certificates are given during an advisement or homeroom period each fall to students who achieved an A- (3.6666) or higher grade point average for all three trimesters of the previous school year. These certificates authorize the student to purchase a North High School academic letter. Letter jackets may be ordered in the school store.

Students of the Month – Teachers in each of North's 13 academic departments select a student each month for outstanding classroom effort, improvement, participation or leadership during the preceding month. Faculty, administrators and parents attend a before-school continental breakfast in the school cafeteria to recognize each month's selected students with a special gift and certificate. A framed portrait of each honored student stays on display for a month in the display case outside the Main Office.

Unsung Heroes – A school committee considers nominations, then selects a student and a staff member each month for exemplary service to school or community. Each receives a prime parking spot for the month, a certificate, and a small gift. Unsung Hero nomination forms are available to North students and staff in the Guidance Office.

Breakfast of Champions – This celebration is for students on the Honor Roll for both of the first two trimesters of the school year who **also** return a reply card by the deadline on the card to verify their participation each trimester in a school or community activity/service. **School activities include only those that meet, practice or perform outside regular school hours.** Examples of community activities/service are Scouts, community sports, youth groups, neighborhood improvement projects, Habitat for Humanity, church or community music or performance groups, hospital or nursing home volunteers, etc. Students who participate in one or more activities with peers during the school year tend to be more successful academically and have fewer disciplinary issues than students who participate in no organized activities outside of school.

National Honor Society - sophomores and juniors with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.6 and a record of service, leadership and good character are potential candidates for NHS membership in their junior or senior year. Grade-eligible students who want to be considered for NHS membership must submit substantial written information about their service activities and leadership roles.

Senior Honors Breakfast – An annual May breakfast during school hours recognizes graduating seniors who have achieved excellence in scholarship, competitive academic activities or positions of school and/or community leadership. A number of locally sponsored college scholarships are awarded to seniors during this program to which parents or guardians are also invited.

STAARS Banquet – The top 10 percent of the North and Tartan graduating classes - as determined by cumulative grade point averages at the end of 2nd trimester of their senior year – are invited by the District 622 Education Foundation to attend a beautiful banquet program with their parents and a teacher of their choosing.

Very Important Person Awards - Certificates from the School Board and North's 'Above and Beyond' certificates are presented to students throughout the year for a variety of outstanding academic and service accomplishments.

Academic Wall of Fame – Portraits of North students who have attained national academic ranking as a National Merit Scholarship Competition Finalist or Semi-Finalist, or who achieve the rare perfect score on an ACT or SAT college entrance exams, are displayed in the cases on the wall outside the Business classroom (Rm. 276).