

**Cole Elementary
BLOCK "C"
Exemplary Bulldog Award**



Clovis Unified School District

PHILOSOPHICAL STATEMENT

The Exemplary Bulldog Block “C” Award is the highest award a student may earn at Cole. Block "C" is available to fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students, and is awarded at the end of each semester. The criteria for earning this award reflect a broad base of participation, achievement, and service.

The purpose of this award is to recognize well-rounded individuals who exemplify the qualities Cole hopes to foster in all of its students: 1) desire for self-improvement; 2) dedication/commitment in reaching goals; 3) concern for and service to others; and 4) willingness to be a positive role model.

A student need not be a "superstar" to earn this award; however, he/she must be one who is an active participant in school activities, engaged in the pursuit of excellence, and willing to meet high standards of achievement. Individuals earning this prestigious award will receive a beautiful Block "C" plaque and a medallion presented at the Block “C” Award nights. Students who receive the award each of the six semesters will receive special recognition at the second semester ceremony of their sixth grade year.

Parents are asked to monitor their child’s progress throughout the semester. Students need to be encouraged not to quit a team or activity and reminded periodically about the options available for participation. Please avoid a last minute rush to determine whether or not the student should receive the award.

OVERVIEW OF CATEGORIES

The criteria for earning this award reflect a broad base of participation, achievement, and service. In order to earn the Block "C," a student must complete the required number of points in each of the following categories:

Mind – Academic Performance – 4 Points Needed

Mind – Academic Challenge - 2 Points Needed 1st Semester; 1 Point Needed 2nd Semester

Body – Athletics – 4th graders - 1 Point Needed; 5th/6th graders - 2 Points Needed

Spirit – Leadership & School Service – 4 Points Needed

Spirit – Performing and Fine Arts – 1 Point Needed 1st Semester; 1 Point Needed 2nd Semester

Community Service Involvement – 1 Bonus Point to be Added to Another Area, if Needed

In the sections that follow, specific guidelines and requirements governing how points are earned in each category are discussed. We encourage parents and teachers to work as shareholders with students in planning and setting goals.

General Guidelines

1. The student must complete the activity to earn a point.
2. The student must complete the correct number of points in each area to be eligible for Block C.
3. Students who are suspended will NOT be eligible for Block C.
4. Students who are referred to the Office may be eliminated for Block C.
5. No late submittals will be accepted.
6. Each student’s teacher will verify this application form for accuracy prior to submission.

Mind – Academic Performance – 4 Points Needed

HONOR ROLL REQUIREMENTS – two points per semester

In order to check off the Any Academic Honor Roll Award item, the student shall:

1. receive a 3.17 or higher grade point average (G.P.A.).

GRADE IMPROVEMENT – one point per semester

In order to check off the Grade Improvement item, the student shall:

1. improve at least one whole grade in at least one subject area.
2. not decrease in ANY grades;

BULLDOG READER – one point per semester

In order to check off the Bulldog Reader item, students in:

1. 4th grade must earn 40 Accelerated Reader points per semester.
2. 5th grade must earn 50 Accelerated Reader points per semester.
3. 6th grade must read 2,000 pages and complete four book projects/reports per semester.
(Note: This may be different than a teacher's requirement for an A grade in reading.)

SPARTHENIAN READER POINTS – one point second semester only

In order to check off the Sparthenian item, the student shall:

1. earn Bulldog Reader all four quarters.

MATH FACTS BIG 4 AWARD – one point per year

In order to check off the Math Facts Big 4 Award, the student shall:

1. demonstrate mastery of the basic math facts of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division by scoring 100 percent on the 100 fact sheet in three minutes, three times.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE – two points per semester

In order to check off the Perfect Attendance item, the student shall have:

1. perfect attendance as defined by having "No Absences."

**Mind – Academic Challenge – 2 Points Needed 1st Semester;
1 Point Needed 2nd Semester**

SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPATION – one point first semester only

In order to check off this item, the student shall:

1. be involved in Science Fair.
2. attend Science Fair meetings.
3. complete and enter a quality Science Fair project in Cole's Science Fair.

HISTORY DAY PARTICIPATION – one point first semester only

In order to check off this item, the student shall:

1. be involved in History Day.
2. attend History Day meetings.
3. complete and enter a quality History Day project in Cole's History Day Fair.

GATE – one point per semester

In order to check off this item, the student shall:

1. be an official member of GATE.
2. be an active member, indicated by participating in meetings, field trips and projects.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION (DI) – one point per year

In order to check off this item, the student shall participate in:

1. a DI Team Challenge.
2. a district level performance.

ROBOTICS PARTICIPATION – one point first semester only

In order to check off this item, the student shall participate in:

1. a Cole Robotics team.
2. a district level competition.

ESSAY CONTEST – one point per semester

In order to check off this item, the student shall complete an essay:

1. for a community, school, or district sponsored contest.
2. that is of quality and meet the requirements of the contest.
3. that must be approved by the classroom teacher and be submitted on time.

CHESS CLUB – one point per semester

In order to check off this item, the student shall:

1. attend chess club meetings.
2. actively participate in the club's activities, as directed by the advisor.

**PLACING IN AN ESSAY OR ACADEMIC CONTEST AT THE DISTRICT,
COUNTY, OR STATE LEVEL – one point for each placing**

In order to check off this item, the student shall:

1. place in an essay or academic contest at the district, county, or state level.

PARTICIPATING IN AN ACADEMIC CONTEST AT THE COUNTY OR STATE LEVEL – one point for each participation

In order to check off this item, the student shall:

1. actively participate in an academic contest at the county or state level.

**BODY-ATHLETICS – 1 Point Needed for 4th;
2 Points Needed for 5th / 6th**

1. Team membership in these sports is open to all eligible students who want to participate. Students are assigned to A, B, or C teams based on their ability. Students will receive a point for each athletic team on which they participate in accordance with the Code of Participation.
2. Sports open to 4th grade students include: cross country, wrestling, and track only.
3. A student who receives the Bulldog of Character Award in Athletics may count one point for Character Counts Student of the Month under Spirit: Leadership & School Service.

<u>FALL – First Semester</u>	<u>WINTER – First Semester</u>	<u>SPRING – Second Semester</u>
Cross Country Football Girl's Volleyball Cheer Squad	Girl's Basketball Boy's Basketball Wrestling	Boy's Baseball Girl's Softball Boy's Volleyball Track Cheer Squad

PASS ALL AREAS OF PE TESTING – one point second semester only

In order to check off this item, the student shall:

1. place in the Healthy Fitness Zone in all five areas on the spring assessment.

BULLDOG FITNESS CLUB – one point per semester

This is for students involved in a sports activity **not** offered at Cole or who want to complete a weekly personal exercise activity. Students must complete and log an average of two hours per week for a nine-week period. A parent or coach must sign the Community Involvement Form. Activities that count include, but are not limited to: soccer, Karate, gymnastics, dance, running, walking, and biking.

SPIRIT – LEADERSHIP & SCHOOL SERVICE – 4 Points Needed

STUDENT COUNCIL – one point per year

A student may earn a point for:

1. RUNNING for a student body office in the fall or spring.
2. being elected to a student body office and serving for the full term in accordance with the Code of Participation in the fall or spring. **Students may only hold one office per year.**

CAFETERIA SERVER– one point per semester

Students are selected to assist the cafeteria manager in serving lunch. In order to check off this item, students shall:

1. serve a minimum of five times per semester.
2. be in good standing in their classroom, both academically and behaviorally.

CAFETERIA WORKER – one point per semester

Students are selected to assist the cafeteria campus monitor in cleaning the cafeteria during lunch. In order to check off this item, students shall:

1. serve a minimum of five times per semester.
2. be in good standing in their classroom, both academically and behaviorally.

ROOM HELPER – one point per semester

Students may arrange to help a teacher in their classroom before or after school or during recess. In order to check off this item, students shall:

1. serve a minimum of five times per semester.
2. be in good standing in their classroom, both academically and behaviorally.

CROSS-AGE/PEER TUTOR – one point per semester

With cross age tutoring, students provide academic help to other students. A cross-age tutor may be involved in working with another student in his/her classroom or a student in another classroom, usually a lower grade.

In order to check off this item:

1. the teacher must validate that the student has constructively worked with and assisted another student at least five times during the semester.
2. students will not be involved in cross-age tutoring in any way that it is detrimental to their own learning progress.
3. cross age tutoring assignments will be specific in nature, controlled, and scheduled by the teacher and/or teachers
4. this excludes whole class cross-age reading buddies.

PEER COUNSELOR – one point per semester

In order to check off this item, students shall:

1. be selected through an application process.
2. be trained and certified as a Cole peer counselor.
3. participate in school service as needed.

WORK TWO HOURS AT OR IN PREPARATION FOR A SCHOOL EVENT – one point per semester

School events may include school carnivals, rallies, and other events endorsed by the administration.

In order to check off this item, students shall:

1. be approved to help at a school event AND/OR
2. assist in preparation for a school event.
3. complete all necessary tasks assigned by a staff or PTC.

CHARACTER COUNTS STUDENT OF THE MONTH – one point per award

Each teacher selects 2 students each month to receive the Character of the Month award, based on the Character Counts program. Students may receive the award for showing outstanding character in the following areas: trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship, respect. One point will be given for receiving the award. A student who receives the Bulldog of Character Award in Athletics may also count one point for Character Counts.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY – two points per semester

This item is based upon Personal Responsibility Points (P.R.P.). Students may earn one point for each quarter based on the classroom personal responsibility card. The criteria for the personal responsibility are indicated on the card.

SPIRIT CLUB – one point per semester

The Bulldog Spirit Club is open to all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. There are no try-outs for this club. In order to check off this item, the student shall:

1. be a regular attendee of Spirit Club meetings
2. attend Spirit Club events as designated by Spirit Club Advisor

BUILDING BRIDGES CLUB- one point per semester

In order to check off this item, the student shall:

1. participate in a full semester of the Building Bridges Club.

SPIRIT - PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS – 1 Point Needed 1st Semester; 2 Points Needed 2nd Semester

*Note: Students who performed at Basic or below on the previous year's State Testing will only be allowed to participate in Band/Orchestra **OR** Choir, not both due to the time requirements.*

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – one point per semester

In order to check off this item, the student shall:

1. complete the entire semester of band or orchestra instruction.
2. perform at all school band events, and pass all required skills tests.

CHOIR – one point per semester

In order to check off this item, the student shall:

1. complete the entire semester of choir instruction.
2. perform at all school choral events.

DRAMA PERFORMANCE – one point second semester only

In order to check off this item, the student shall:

1. sign up and attend all required drama rehearsals.
2. participate in the school's drama production.

ORAL INTERPRETATION – one point second semester only

In order to check off this item, the student shall attend:

1. all practice sessions, unless absent from school.
2. a district level performance.

COMMUNITY ARTS PARTICIPATION – one point per semester

Students may participate in an organized fine arts activity or group such as a regional choir, community play, arts classes, etc. In order to check off this item, the student shall:

1. be actively involved in a community arts organization or program.
2. complete the Community Involvement Form.

ART/POSTER CONTEST – one point per semester

In order to check off this item, the student shall complete an art piece or a poster:

1. for a community, school, or district sponsored contest.
2. that is of quality and meets the requirements of the contest.
3. that must be approved by the classroom teacher and be submitted on time.

PLACING IN AN ART/POSTER CONTEST AT THE DISTRICT, COUNTY, OR STATE LEVEL – one point for each placing

In order to check off this item, the student shall:

1. place in an art or poster contest at the district, county, or state level.

COMMUNITY SERVICE INVOLVEMENT – 1 Bonus Point per Semester May be Added to Another Area as Needed

In order to check off this item, students shall:

1. be actively involved in a community service organization or program, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, service at church, non-profit volunteer (SPCA, Poverello House, etc.), 4-H, fundraising for non-profit, and other such organizations or programs. *Questions? Please see administrator.*
2. complete four hours of service.
3. complete the Community Involvement Form.

Note: Community sports and arts programs do NOT qualify for this bonus point.

“BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE IN MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT!”

P.A.W. Pride: Positive Attitudes Work