



HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

Criteria For Academic Awards [updated 11/2014]

CRITERIA FOR ACADEMIC AWARDS - PREAMBLE

THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

- a) The Awards Committee will consist of the Deputy Principal in charge of Academics as Chairman and the Subject Heads of all subjects offered at Hillcrest High School.
- b) The decision to confer awards for academics lies with the Awards Committee in consultation with the Principal.
- c) **NO AWARDS MAY BE MADE WITHOUT THE AUTHORITY OF THE ACADEMIC AWARDS COMMITTEE OR THE RATIFICATION OF THE AWARD BY THE PRINCIPAL.**

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With a few exceptions, the following criteria must complement the criteria for academic awards.

- a) All awards must cover a calendar year.
- b) Re-awards will not be automatic.
- c) Awards will be based on academic ability.
- d) All awards are dependent on acceptable behaviour.
- e) An award may be withheld or withdrawn if the individual fails to honour the spirit in which the award was made through, for example, a breach of discipline or unacceptable behaviour.
- f) **THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW AN AWARD WILL REST ENTIRELY WITH THE PRINCIPAL.**
- g) Once a pupil has qualified for an award he/she may not receive a lower award.
- h) Pupils will receive only one scroll for academics whilst at Hillcrest High School.
- i) Awards will be based upon marks calculated according to the following formula:

<u>Grade 12</u>	Year mark
<u>Grade 10 & 11</u>	Promotion mark
<u>Grade 8 & 9</u>	Promotion mark

CRITERIA FOR ACADEMIC AWARDS

SENIOR AWARDS

1. HONOURS CUM LAUDE

This award will only be made to pupils in Grade 11 and 12 who

- a) are placed in the top 3 positions in the Ethekewini Region in the Senior Certificate Examination - the award would normally be presented at Speech Night the following year
- b) are placed in the top 10 positions in South Africa in the English Olympiad
- c) are placed in the top 5 positions in South Africa in the Mathematics, Science, Afrikaans, Consumer Studies, Accounting or IT Olympiad
- d) represent South Africa at an International Science Symposium having been selected through a recognised process of elimination
- e) in Grade 11, achieve an aggregate of 85% or above
- f) in Grade 12, achieve an aggregate of 85% or above

2. HONOURS

This award will only be made to pupils in Grade 11 and 12 who

- a) are placed in the 11th - 20th positions in South Africa in the English Olympiad
- b) are placed in the 6th - 10th positions in South Africa in any of the Olympiads outlined in 1(c)
- c) achieve a gold, silver or bronze medal or special award at the National Expo for Young Scientists
- d) in Grade 11 achieve an aggregate between (80% - 84%)
- e) in Grade 12 achieve an aggregate between (80% - 84%)

3. COLOURS

This award will be made to pupils in Grade 10, 11 & 12 who

- a) are placed in the top 5% in South Africa in any of the Olympiads outlined in 1(c)**
- b) achieve a gold or silver medal at the KwaZulu-Natal Expo for Young Scientists**
- c) in Grade 10 achieve an aggregate of 85% or above**
- d) in Grade 11 achieve an aggregate between 75% - 79%**
- e) in Grade 12 achieve an aggregate between 75% - 79%**

4 HALF COLOURS

This award will be made to pupils in Grade 10 - 12 who

- a) are placed in the top 10% in South Africa in any of the Olympiads outlined in 1(c)**
- b) achieve a bronze medal, or a special nominated prize at the KwaZulu-Natal Expo for Young Scientists**
- c) in Grade 10 achieve an aggregate between 80% - 84%**
- d) in Grade 11 achieve an aggregate between 70% - 74%**
- e) in Grade 12 achieve an aggregate between 70% - 74%**

5. MERIT AWARD

Merit certificates will be presented to pupils in Grades 10 - 11 who

- a) are placed in the top 20% in South Africa in any of the Olympiads outlined in 1(c)**
- b) are placed in the 11th - 20th positions in KwaZulu-Natal in the Taaleksamen**
- c) are selected for the KwaZulu-Natal Expo for Young Scientists**
- d) in Grade 10 achieve an aggregate between 75% - 79%**

JUNIOR AWARDS

1 JUNIOR COLOURS

This award will be made to pupils in Grade 8 & 9 who

- a) achieve an aggregate of 80% or above
- b) achieve a gold or silver medal at the National Science Expo
- c) achieve a special award at National Science Expo

2. MERIT AWARD

This award will be made to pupils in Grade 8 & 9 who

- a) are placed in the top 20% in South Africa in any of the Olympiads outlined in 1(c) of the senior awards
- b) achieve a gold or silver medal at the KwaZulu-Natal Science
- c) are selected for National Science Expo
- d) achieve a bronze medal at National Science Expo
- d) achieve an aggregate between 75% - 79%

IT WAS AGREED THAT THESE CRITERIA WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY