

Saroyan STALLIONS



A Guide for Earning
The Block 'S' Award
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Block 'S' Award

PHILOSOPHICAL STATEMENT:

Saroyan's BLOCK S award serves multiple functions:

- To motivate students to become active participants in the activities of their school.
- To provide a blueprint for parents and teachers in planning, encouraging and setting goals with students regarding school involvement and achievement.
- To reaffirm the importance of being responsible, well-rounded individuals and establish a definition of what that is; and how to achieve these goals.
- To provide a form of recognition of the very involved students who have met the criteria for the award and reward them for the work ethic they have exhibited in all areas. These areas demonstrate the desire for self improvement, dedication and commitment in reaching goals, concern for and service of others, and willingness to assume peer leadership, responsibilities, and become a positive role model for others.

OVERVIEW:

The BLOCK 'S' Award is available to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students and is awarded at the end of the year for the current school year only. The criteria for earning this award reflects a broad base of participation, achievement, and service through Saroyan Elementary School to qualify and not based on class assignments. In order to earn the award a student must complete a minimum number of items in the following categories:

- I. Curricular and Co-Curricular
- II. Athletics
- III. Service and Leadership

I. ACADEMICS

CURRICULAR:

Activities and requirements in this category have to do with intellectual and academic development.

Academic Honors:

Students may earn points each semester for earning an Academic Award.

- Principal's Honor Roll(GPA = 4.00)
- Honor Roll (GPA = 3.50 to 3.99)
- Merit List (GPA = 3.00-3.49)

Academic Improvement:

Students may earn points both semesters. Points earned is determined by comparing the most recent semester report card grades with those from the previous semester. Students may earn their point if either of these criteria are met:

- Improvement of at least one whole grade in at least one subject area, no decrease in any grades, and no N's.

CO-CURRICULAR

Activities and requirements in this category involve participation in creative and academic projects.

- GATE
Student participates in the extended learning program.

- Drama
Student participates in a drama production. Points determined by lead teacher of the production.
- Band
Student participates for the full year (or the entirety of the students attendance at Saroyan).
- Choir
Student participates for the full year (or the entirety of the students attendance at Saroyan).
- Dance
Students participate for the full year (or the entirety of the students attendance at Saroyan).
- Robotics
Student participates for the full year (or the entirety of the students attendance at Saroyan).
Extra points are awarded if you are the winner of this activity.
- Science Fair Participation
Student participates in the Science Fair in accordance with the guidelines provided by the advisor. Points can be obtained for both an individual entry and class entry. Extra points are awarded if you are the winner of this activity.
- History Day Participation
Student participates in History Day in accordance with the guidelines provided by the advisor.. Points can be obtained for both an individual entry and class entry. Extra points are awarded if you are the winner of this activity.
- Peach Blossom
Student participates in at least one level or more of the Peach Blossom event as an individual or small group. Separate points may also be obtained for a class entry. Extra points are awarded if you are the winner of this activity.
- Young Author's Faire
Student participates in the Young Author's Faire as an individual or small group. Separate points may also be obtained for a class entry. Extra points are awarded if you are the winner of this activity.
- Essay/Poster/ Yearbook Contest Participant
Students submit an essay/poster/art in contests offered throughout the semester. Extra points are awarded if you are the winner of this activity.
- Spelling Bee
Students participate in classroom/site/district Spelling Bee. Extra points are awarded if you are the winner of this activity.
- Accelerated Reader
Student is awarded points for reaching 50 points by 1st semester and 100 points by 2nd semester.
- ST Math
Student is awarded points for reaching 50% by 1st semester and 100% by 2nd semester.

II. ATHLETICS

Points are earned in this category for great sportsmanship with participation in athletics inside or outside of the classroom.

- Student participates in full season of one or more of the following sports at Saroyan:
Football/Volleyball/Cross Country/Wrestling/Basketball/Softball/Baseball/Track/
Cheer, earning the Medal of Honor (once per sport), Fitnessgram award, and the Stallion 4 (plays four sports throughout the year).

III. SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

This category is about positive behavior, responsibility, behavior, attendance, the concern and service of

others, and the willingness to assume peer leadership, responsibilities, and become a positive role model for others.

- Perfect Attendance
Has perfect attendance per semester.
- Citizenship and Character
Follows and is an example of Saroyan's Pledge, Triple R-S, and pillars of character. Student may not have more than three office referrals and may not receive any suspensions.
- Leadership Council
Student participates as a council member or classroom representative for the year
- Community Service or Other Philanthropy Club (Scouts)
Participate in and complete 20 hours of community service projects on your own or through a club. Hours must be logged and verified by admin.

CODE OF PARTICIPATION

Co-curricular activities are a vital part of our total school program. In addition to providing a variety of exploratory and enriching learning experiences for students, these activities are also important in building character. When students elect to participate in a co-curricular program (e.g., choir, sports, band, etc), they must recognize that they have assumed certain responsibilities and obligations to the coach and/or advisor, to the other members of the activity, and to themselves. The school allocates considerable resources in terms of time, money, energy, and personnel in an effort to provide quality co-curricular programs for our students. We encourage students to participate and expect quality participation from those who take part in the activities.

1. The student will maintain a satisfactory level of academic performance (2.0 or higher, with no D's or F's or N's) and demonstrate satisfactory behavior and citizenship.
2. Students are expected to attend all practices, meetings, or rehearsals for the scheduled activity. Certain absences or tardies may be excused as with classroom attendance. However, students have an obligation to clear these absences with the teacher/coach of the activity.
3. The student is expected to participate in the activity in a positive, respectful manner following the Triple R-S and Saroyan Pledge.
4. The student is expected to respect and properly care for all property and/or equipment used for the activity. Students who negligently lose or cause undue damage to such school property will be charged for its replacement.

PROCEDURES FOR BLOCK 'S' CERTIFICATION

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

1. Students will complete the BLOCK 'S' application each semester.
2. Students will check off the activities/items they have earned.
3. Students will obtain initials from teachers/coaches where required no later than 2 weeks before the end of the semester.
4. Students will submit his/her completed application to their classroom teacher no later than 2 weeks before the end of the semester.

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITY

1. Teacher will review the completed application with the student.
2. Teacher will verify activities and events and sign the completed application if accurate.
3. Teacher will submit completed application, no later than 2 weeks before the end of the semester, to the BLOCK 'S' advisor.

BLOCK S - EXEMPLARY STALLION AWARD

This award is open to students in grades 4 through 6 who participate in activities and earn points in different categories. Block S, presented yearly, is intended to recognize those very involved students and reward them for the work ethic they have exhibited in all areas and the qualities that Saroyan hopes to foster in all students like:

- The desire for self-improvement
- Dedication and commitment in reaching goals
- Concern for and service to others
- The willingness to assume peer leadership, responsibilities and become a positive role model for others

Academics					
Curricular (Minimum of 30 points in the curricular category)	Points Per Semester	1st Semester	Advisor's Initials	2nd Semester	Advisor's Initials
Principal's Honor Roll	25				
Honor Roll	20				
Merit List	15				
Academic Growth	5				
Co-Curricular: minimum of 35 pts in the co-curricular category					
GATE	10				
Band	10				
Choir	10				
Drama Production	15				
Young Author's Faire Indv. or small group	10				
Peach Blossom Indv. or small group	10				
Spelling Bee contestant	5				
Robotics	15				
Essay or Poster Contest participant	5				
Winner of any above	10				
1 st semester St Math 50%	5				
2 nd semester St Math 100%	5				
1 st semester AR 50pts	5				
2 nd semester AR 100pts	5				
Science Fair individual	10				
Science Fair class	5				
History Day individual	10				
History Day class	5				
Total Points for Academics (minimum of 60 points):					

Athletics					
	Points per Semester	1st Semester	Advisor's Initials	2nd Semester	Advisor's Initials
Football	15				
Cross Country	15				
Volleyball	15				
Basketball	15				
Wrestling	15				
Track	15				
Baseball	15				
Softball	15				
Cheer (semester)	10				
Medal of Honor once per sport	5				
Fitness gram	5				
Award Stallion 4 (Plays 4 sports)	5				
Total Points for Athletics:					

Service and Leadership					
(Minimum of 25 points)	Points Per Semester / Year	1st Semester	Advisor's Signature	2nd Semester	Advisor's Signature
ASB Representative	10				
Community Service Club (20hrs)	5				
Perfect Attendance (each semester)	10				
Total Points for Service/Leadership: (minimum of 25 points)					

Activities must be completed through SAROYAN to qualify for points and may not be based on class assignments. Qualification for the Block S Award and for points in the various categories listed below are based upon the Block S Rules for the current school year.

OFFICE USE ONLY		
Summary		
	1st Semester	2nd Semester
Academics		
Athletics		
Service/Leadership		
Points Required for the Year:	125 (4th grade)	170 (5th/6th grade)
Approved	Denied	

Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: 4 5 6