

**COMMENDATIONS AND AWARDS**

To encourage community involvement in district programs and activities, the Governing Board may publicly recognize and commend parents/guardians, community members, businesses, and organizations that make outstanding contributions or provide longstanding service to the district or district students.

*(cf. 1000 - Concepts and Roles)*

*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*

*(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)*

*(cf. 3290 - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)*

Any Board member, employee, parent/guardian, student, or community member may recommend an individual or organization for Board recognition. He/she shall submit to the Superintendent or designee the name of the individual or organization and a description of the outstanding contribution or service.

At the Board's discretion, the Board may present a letter of recognition, Board resolution, plaque, or other award at a public Board meeting or may hold a reception or informal recognition activity. The Board also may designate a day, week, or month for special recognition of volunteers.

The Board encourages similar forms of recognition for achievement or services as part of school-level commendation programs.

*(cf. 4156.2/4256.2/4356.2 - Awards and Recognition)*

*(cf. 5126 - Awards for Achievement)*

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*35160 Authority of governing boards*

*35160.1 Broad authority of school districts*

*44015 Awards to employees and students*

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

*Article 16, Section 6 Gifts of public funds*