

THE ORCHID SCHOOL
Awards for Performance in Academics
2017-2018

The Concept and the Process

We believe that efforts, talents and achievements need to be recognized, noticed, acknowledged and honored. Awards are seen not only as a “prize” for the outcome, but an appreciation and a celebration of the journey that took them towards this destination.

The categories of awards reflect the Orchid ethos of recognizing each child’s innate potential, acknowledging that areas of excellence and talent are diverse and equally significant. These awards are envisioned to be effective tools to reiterate to the students that the more effort and contribution they put in, the more they will get out of it in the end. We are doing our best to acknowledge and recognize those pupils who deserve to be rewarded and we also hope that this would motivate others as it is setting achievable goals for them.

Awards for which level and why?

Awards are for the Upper Primary, Middle, Secondary and Sr. Secondary School. At this age children show readiness to accept and acknowledge their accomplishments. They are aware of their abilities and set targets to aim higher.

The awards are distributed ceremoniously to bring in the essence of success. The students are awarded during the Award Ceremony where the parents are also invited.

The school recognizes both Scholastic and Co - scholastic areas and commendable effort put in by the student.

SCHOLASTIC AWARDS

1. Every year, each child who achieves **Outstanding scores** (above 90% in Middle, Secondary & Sr. Secondary Classes) and in Primary Classes (90% and above) in any language and (95% and above) in Math, Science and Social Science (Half Yearly Exam + Final Exam) will receive a certificate for “Outstanding Performance” in that specific subject.

2. The students who achieve Outstanding scores in all subjects or overall cumulative of Half Yearly Exam and Final Exam, will get a Certificate of Excellence and a trophy.
3. The certificate for “**Commendable Progress in Academics**” in specific subject will be awarded to a student when he/she shows an improvement in his/her performance from Half Yearly Exam to the Final Exam (increase in score of 25% and above). This award is not applicable for the Secondary and Senior Secondary children (IX and XI) as their exam pattern is different and as per CBSE guidelines.
4. **Perfect Score:** For Classes IV – VIII, a certificate of appreciation and a medal for achieving 100% marks in one or more subject in either Half Yearly Exam and / or Final Exam. For Secondary (IX), perfect score in PT2, PT3 and / or PT4 will be applicable.

Scholastic Areas: Awards / Certificates –

1. 1 Achievement Certificate (Outstanding Performance in ____) for 1 or 2 subjects.
2. 1 Achievement Certificate (Outstanding Performance in Academics) + 1 small trophy for
 - 3/4/5 subjects (Classes IV – VIII)
 - 3/4 subjects (Class IX to XII)
3. 1 Special Certificate (Distinguished Performance in Academics) + 1 trophy for each subject A1 grade (Classes IV– XII).
4. Excellence in Academics – Cumulative A1 in Half Yearly Exam + Final Exam overall. 1 trophy+ Certificate- Excellence of academics.
5. Special Medal for each subject (Perfect Score) + Certificate of Excellence (Distinguish performance in ____) for 100% in Half Yearly Exam and / or Final Exam
6. 1 Achievement Certificate (Commendable Progress in ____) for Commendable Performance (25% and more increase from Half Yearly Exam to Final Exam)

CO-SCHOLASTIC AWARDS –

These awards will be given to 1 student each from Class IV and V, one each from Middle (Junior group - VI & VII) and Secondary (Senior Group - VIII, IX, X). To select students who are deserving of this award, subject teacher gives feedback and nominates 3 students, based on parameters as per CBSE criteria. A panel of all significant adults along with the subject teachers then selects one student. The ultimate decision would be based on a democratic process.

Categories for Co-Scholastic Awards:

- Dance- 1 award each for Indian Classical and Contemporary.
- Music – 1 award each for Western and Indian music
- Percussion – 1 award each for Drums and Tabla.
- Visual Arts – 1 award
- For Primary School Students it is given one from each level (Class IV & V).

Co Scholastic Areas (for Classes VI – X)

Awards / Certificates

- 1 Achievement Certificate (Outstanding Performance in ____) + trophy for 1 for each option-Junior and Senior- (Fine Arts - Music) (nominated by teacher)
- 1 Achievement Certificate (Outstanding Performance in ____) + trophy for 1 for each option- Junior and Senior- (Fine Arts - Dance) (nominated by teacher)
- 1 Achievement Certificate (Outstanding Performance in ____) + trophy for 1 for each option- Junior and Senior- (Visual Arts) (nominated by teacher)
- 1 Achievement Certificate (Outstanding Performance in _____) + trophy for 1 for each option - Junior and Senior- (Percussion) (nominated by teacher)

Other Awards

Appreciation Certificate- The students are appreciated for the special effort, initiative or achievement in any task that the child has worked towards. It is open-ended in its scope, is applicable as many times, as often as required for varied personal goals achieved. This award has been conceived so as to demonstrate appreciation and acknowledgement of each child's potential.

