

## DE SOTO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Students in the De Soto Area School District shall be informed by the administration of any available academic scholarships. Literature concerning available scholarships shall be posted in the school building. The high school guidance counselor shall maintain records of available scholarships and shall notify students of such scholarship opportunities.

The Board of Education encourages the professional staff to maintain a set of criteria and procedures for presenting letters or other suitable awards to students for scholarship and distinguished service in any school activity. In all cases, the relationship between the award and the relevant goal(s) of the schools should be pointed out. The professional staff is authorized to review and approve, or reject, proposed trophies, prizes, scholarships, or other awards.

All honors and awards presented to the students by the school shall serve as an incentive to enrichment of their school program and a stimulus to their level of thinking and living and shall be awarded strictly on the merits of the students receiving them. ***{NOTE: The two previous paragraphs were found in a proposed policy on display of trophies/awards (dated 2/7/95). I included the information here as it seemed to relate to the topic of this policy.}***

Any regularly enrolled student may be considered for honors or awards presented by the school. Qualifications for such awards shall be established by professional school personnel who have been delegated the responsibility by the District Administrator or the building principal. ***{NOTE: This paragraph was found in policy 448.}***

The District shall not discriminate in acceptance and administration of gifts, bequests, scholarships and other aids, benefits or services to students from private agencies, organizations or persons on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or

handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

LEGAL REF.: Section 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes  
PI 9, Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 461, Designation of Valedictorian/Salutatorian  
and Academic Excellence Scholar  
462, Display of Trophies and Other Awards  
411-Rule, Student Discrimination Complaint  
Procedures

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**NOTE: This policy is based on information found in your district's current policy manual (code not visible - no approval date; 448 - no approval date; no code (proposed) - dated 2/7/95). I combined the information and revised it for stylistic reasons and as outlined above. (WASB - 11/06)**