

## ATTENDANCE AWARDS POLICY

Effective with the 2000-2001 school year, the Lafayette Parish School System has adopted a policy for recognizing achievement in attendance. This policy is in accordance with Policy File: JBD Pupil Attendance which fosters student responsibility for attendance which is essential to the success of an instructional program.

The following categories were developed to promote good attendance in the Lafayette Parish School System and to provide a consistent method of recognition for those students achieving perfect attendance during the school year. All students in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade are eligible to participate in the program if they meet the following criteria:

### A. PERFECT ATTENDANCE

A student has achieved **PERFECT ATTENDANCE** when he/she has successfully completed the school year without incurring any absences, check-outs, check-ins or tardies, even those including absences with legal exceptions as listed in Policy File: JBD-Pupil Attendance.

1. **Meritorious Attendance\*** - A student has achieved **meritorious attendance** when he/she has had perfect attendance for two or more consecutive years.
2. **Perfect School Attendance\*** - A student has achieved **perfect school attendance** when he/she has had perfect attendance from the first grade until graduation from high school.

\*All students who were recognized for perfect attendance in years prior to the adoption of this policy shall be included for recognition of Meritorious Attendance and/or Perfect School Attendance regardless of prior school criteria.

### B. EXEMPLARY ATTENDANCE

A student has achieved **EXEMPLARY ATTENDANCE** when he/she has successfully completed the school year without incurring more than two check-ins, check-outs or tardies or any combination of two.

### C. OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE

A student has achieved **OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE** when he/she has successfully completed the school year without incurring more than two absences.

The granting of awards for achievement in attendance is left to the discretion of the individual school administrator.

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