

**R. I. Baker Middle School  
Recognition Program**

All grade level year end recognition programs will be held at RIBMS. Each year end program will be developed by the grade level pod teachers and will be suitable for that grade level. All students/staff will be attend the “Grade 8 Farewell Celebration”.

**Academic Recognition:**

**Grades 5-8**

Students must achieve an average of 79.5% on core subjects, with no subject (core) mark lower than 75%, in any term.

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| Honors                        | 79.5% - 84.4% |
| Honors with Distinction       | 84.5% - 89.9% |
| Honors with Great Distinction | 90% and above |

**Grades 5-8**

Students will receive the corresponding academic decal on their recognition certificate at the end of the year. The final mark in any core subject will be determined by averaging marks from the three reporting periods.

-students who achieve any of these levels at the end of each trimester reporting period may receive a school generated certificate and will be recognized at an appropriate grade level assembly.

**Sports Recognition:**

-any students in grades 5, 6, 7, or 8 who participated on a school-sponsored team, which includes volleyball, basketball, badminton, track and field, cross-country running or golf will receive a decal for each sport on their recognition certificate

### **Explorer Recognition:**

- an exploratory decal (or specific decal) will be awarded to students in grade 6,7 and 8 who demonstrate exceptional ability, skill, creativity or effort in their exploratory
- the exploratory decal will be awarded for each reporting period
- awarding recognition in an exploratory class will be left to the discretion of the exploratory teacher

### **Service Recognition:**

- this award will be awarded to those students who have volunteered their time to assist teachers or improve the school in some way
- teacher leaders of these groups should keep track of the hours served with the expectation being grade 8's to give 10 hours, grade 7's to give 8 hours, grade 6's to give 6 hours and grade 5's to give 4 hours. (there can be some flexibility and consideration given to these times)
- students recognized for this award will receive a service decal for their certificate at the end of the year

### **Merit Recognition:**

- this award is based on the attitudes and cooperation of students towards fellow students and staff members
- students must work to the best of their ability in all aspects of school
- students should display a positive attitude in all classes, in hallways, during breaks, at lunch and after school
- students should show respect to all staff, substitutes and fellow students
- students should put forth their best effort in school
- students should be helpful to staff and other students
- students should be welcoming and polite to parents and guests to RIBMS
- students should participate enthusiastically in school activities
- students should be trustworthy and truthful
- at Grades 7 and 8 merit awards must be a unanimous decision from the pod
- the merit recognition will be recognized with a decal on the student's certificate

### **Improvement Recognition:**

- all areas should be considered for this recognition, such as academics, attitude improvement, social growth and/or improved work habits
- each grade level pod will initiate a list considering those students they feel are most improved. This list will be circulated to pod members for their input and approval.
- those students recognized as most improved will receive a decal signifying their accomplishment for the year.

**Fine Arts Recognition:**

-any students in grade 5,6,7 or 8 who participated in a school-sponsored, extra-curricular fine arts program such as drama productions, choir, handbells, jazz band, stage band or other fine arts related activities, will be eligible to receive a fine arts (or specific) decal for their certificate

-awarding this recognition decal will be left to the discretion of the teacher supervisor

**Intramural Recognition:**

- any student in grade 5,6,7, or 8 who participated in the intramural program will receive an Intramural Recognition decal