



POLICY

Criteria for Cultural Awards Policy Grade 4-7

Introduction

In order to achieve recognition for participation in cultural activities at SAHETI, certain criteria need to be met. These concern length of service, commitment to the activity, the group and teacher as well as attendance at practices. These also include the level at which the pupils participate and the quality of their performance. While the latter criteria involve a certain measure of subjective judgment on behalf of the teacher, we have tried to specify as clearly as possible the attributes required to attain the points needed for awards at SAHETI.

No awards will be given to cultural activities that are done through external organisations only and not also for SAHETI. However, pupils who take part in external cultural activities will be recognised publicly during assemblies. Gross misconduct at school or externally may result in disqualification from recognition and may also result in the recalling of the award.

Attendance: In all cases, absences must be justified with a letter or email from the parent or, at the discretion of the school, a doctor's note. If attendance drops below 60%, the child's name will not reflect on the register or report.

N.B. In special cases, the teacher of an activity may propose a pupil who does not necessarily meet all the above criteria for a discretionary award. The Head of Culture will make a decision on this in consultation with the Principal.

Individual Music, Marimbas, Orchestra, Bands, Choir, Geek Dance, Classical Greek Dance, Chess, Public Speaking

General Criteria

A pupil who wishes to be considered for cultural awards must:

- Attend 80% and above of practices and performances.
- Shows a positive attitude to practice and performance.
- Be reliable.
- Uphold ethos of activity at school and in public.

Recipients must adhere to the General Criteria to be considered for the following:

Certificate of Participation

- A pupil must have participated for one year in the activity. In the case of an individual musical instrument, the pupil must have performed in public at a school function.

Certificate of Acknowledgement

- A pupil must have participated for 2 consecutive years in the activity and must have received a Certificate of Participation in the prior year. In the case of an individual musical instrument, the pupil must have performed in public at a school function.

Certificate of Individual Excellence (Applies only to Classical Greek/Music)

- For consideration of pupil needs to be either in Grade 4 or 5.
Music: A grade 2 level and to have represented the school at required functions.
Classical Greek Dance: The pupil must have achieved ISTD (or equivalent) Grade 2 with distinction and have represented the school with merit at required functions.

Team Badge (bar, gold print of activity name on blue background)

- This award only relates to group work. To be considered pupils need to have received an Acknowledgement Certificate. The badge may be a re-awarded badge the following year.

Badge of Excellence Individual Award

(Applies only to Music and Classical Greek Dance: shield, gold print of activity name on blue background)

- Awarded to a grade 6 and 7 pupil.
Music: A grade 3 or above level and has represented the school at the required functions.
Classical Greek Dance: The pupil must have achieved ISTD (or equivalent) Grade 3 with distinction and have represented the school with merit at required functions.

Criteria For Chess Awards

Chess Awards in the Primary School will be awarded in consultation between and at the direction of the: Chess Co-ordinator, HOD of Culturals, Vice-Principal and Principal. Please note that the criteria for Chess are aligned with the Sports Criteria, which work better for a competitive rather than performance activity.

General Criteria

A pupil who wishes to become eligible for consideration for any Chess award must:

- Attend **at least 80%** of the year's practices. Practices may only be missed in circumstances beyond the pupil's control, and a written excuse must always be provided timeously by the pupil's parents. Absence from school and doctor's certificates will be taken into account, as will absence from practice due to representing the school at that time in a different activity.
- Show a positive attitude at all times, contribute meritoriously and show initiative in practice sessions.
- Exemplify the ethos of the activity at the school and at all matches and practices.
- Display good sportsmanship at all times.

In an exceptional case, the Head of Chess may propose an award to an individual who does not meet the specified criteria. For a badge of excellence, this proposal should be supported by having achieved National Honours in Chess and/or been awarded the Board Prize at the Chess League. The proposal needs to be approved by the HOD of Culturals, Vice-Principal and the Principal.

Certificate of Acknowledgement

- Awarded to Grade 7 pupils who meet the general criteria, and have been awarded a Beginners Certificate in accordance with specific criteria.

Certificate of Achievement

- Awarded to Grade 4-7 pupils who meet the general criteria, and have been awarded their Advanced Certificate in accordance with specific criteria and represented the team in Chess League matches.

Team Badge (bar, gold print of activity name on blue background)

- A Grade 6-7 pupil who meets the general criteria is eligible for this award should they meet the general criteria, and the following:
 - Represented SAHETI in 80% of Chess League matches for at least 1 season.
 - Received a Certificate of Achievement the prior year.
 - The Team Badge may be re-awarded in a subsequent year.

Individual Excellence Badge (shield, gold print of activity name on blue background)

- A Grade 6-7 pupil who meets the general criteria is eligible for this award should they have excelled as follows:
 - They have qualified at an Expert level.
 - They have achieved National Honours and/or play at a national level.
- Should a Grade 4-7 pupil meet the level of achievement required for an individual excellence badge (except for the team badge criterion), but not be eligible for this badge because they are in Grade 4 or 5, they may be awarded an Individual Excellence Certificate.

Notes for Chess Awards:

- Badges may be worn on the school jersey or the school shirt.
- If a pupil has been awarded a Chess team badge, and then either stops playing or no longer qualifies to play for the team in 80% of the League matches, they may no longer wear that badge at school.
- If a pupil has earned a team badge and an excellence badge for Chess, they should wear only the excellence badge.

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