



## ***Passion and Achievement Awards Criteria 2024***

### **Passion Award Criteria:**

The criteria for passion awards are set by each department and include qualities such as demonstrating a high level of interest; contributing positively to the class atmosphere and learning of others; and elevating the level of class discussion within the course. We believe passion for learning is the ingredient that inspires those that become great artists, great writers, great craftsmen, innovative inventors; groundbreaking scientists, business giants and social activists; inspiring musicians, athletes, and politicians. Passion for learning is the excitement and enthusiasm that motivates individuals to make a positive impact in the world.

### **Applied Design, Skills and Technologies:**

- **Technology Education** - The Technology Passion Award celebrates students who apply technological solutions to enhance their own lifelong learning. The award is presented to students who demonstrate enthusiasm, innovation, and commitment to personal growth, creativity, advocacy, collaboration, and sustainability efforts in Technology Education.
- **Home Economics** – The Home Economics Passion Award honors students who show outstanding dedication to the subjects within Home Economics. The award focuses on their enthusiasm, innovation, and commitment to personal growth, creativity, advocacy, collaboration, and sustainability efforts in home economics education.

### **Art:**

- The recipient of the Visual Arts Passion Award is honored for their unwavering curiosity in visual art and their wholehearted commitment to the creative process. They have exhibited remarkable initiative in exploring their creativity with various art materials, processes, and techniques. This student has shown a fearless approach to self-reflection and revision, constantly pushing the boundaries of their understanding of the visual arts while also encouraging other students with their positivity and knowledge.
- **Performing Arts (Music)** - The Passion Award in Music is presented to students who demonstrate enthusiasm toward music learning and a keen desire to reach new heights in their musical knowledge and musicianship, often through independent exploration and study. These students also demonstrate a strong level of dedication and commitment to their ensemble and to the McRoberts Music community.

- **Performing Arts (Drama)** - The recipient of the Drama Passion Award is honoured for their commitment to the art of theatre creation, their emotional investment in the work, and their dedication to making the drama class a drama company. This individual sets a standard in terms of bringing a positive attitude and a commitment to developing excellent work whether it be on-stage, in class, or as a part of a group.

**Business Education and Information Technology:**

- **Business Education** - The Business Education Passion Award is presented to a deserving student who has demonstrated a keen interest and knowledge in business, and who has worked extremely hard to do well on all assignments, always striving to improve their standards.
- **Information Technology** - The Information Technology Passion Award recognizes an inquiring mind, perseverance in problem solving and a desire to meet challenges.

**English** - The English Passion Award is presented to students that demonstrate a passion for the subject through their enthusiastic participation in class, their willingness to learn and improve over time through active reflection, and their encouragement of others' learning.

**Français Langue** – The passion award in Français Langue recognises students that demonstrate engagement with French language and culture in class and outside of the classroom. In the classroom, they should demonstrate a keen desire to develop their french language abilities through asking questions, participating actively in class and taking advantage of resources offered by the school and the district. Outside of the classroom, these students seek opportunities to use French engaging in conversations, cultural events, and contests. Inspiring peers to share in the enthusiasm for French language immersion is also valued.

**Math** - The Passion for Math Award celebrates individuals who exhibit exceptional dedication and enthusiasm for mathematics. Recipients of this award demonstrate an inquiring mind, perseverance in problem solving, and a desire to meet challenges. The recipient of this award is someone who inspires others and fosters a culture of mathematical excellence, encouraging a community of passionate learners who contribute to the advancement of mathematics.

**Modern Languages** – Recipients of the Modern Language Passion Awards consistently seek ways of improving oral, reading and writing skills; show keen interest towards the language and its culture; show a willingness to try new things; and show leadership skills in working with others.

**Physical Health Education** - The PHE passion award goes to students who enthusiastically engage in physical activities. These students consistently demonstrate exceptional effort, initiative, and cooperation.

**Science** - The Passion for Science Award is presented to students who actively engage in the scientific process and enjoy learning about science as a product of curiosity rather than as a



means of achieving good grades.

**Social Studies** - The Passion Award for Social Studies and Sciences Humaines is awarded to students who demonstrate a keen personal interest in the subject area through active engagement in class discussions by regularly connecting class topics to major historical and contemporary national and international events or figures, participation in social studies related clubs such as debate club and UN club, and active engagement in their communities.

### **Achievement Award Criteria:**

The criteria for achievement awards set by each department and include qualities such as demonstrating excellent achievement; engaging actively with learning; and initiating self-directed learning. We believe that recognition for achievement is for students who aspire to aim 'higher than the mark' for their learning.

### **Applied Design, Skills and Technologies:**

- **Technology Education** - The Technology Achievement Award recognizes students who demonstrate an extending ability to make multi-contextual connections to their ongoing design learning. Recipients also exhibit a capacity to assist others in their educational endeavors.
- **Home Economics** - The Home Economics Achievement Award recognizes students who demonstrate an extending ability to make multi-contextual connections to their ongoing design and creative learning. Recipients also exhibit a capacity to assist others in their educational endeavors.

### **Art:**

- **Visual Arts** - The recipient of the Achievement Award in Visual Art is honored for their exceptional dedication, and creativity throughout the course. They've demonstrated extending artistic skill using various media and techniques, as they fearlessly explored new avenues of expression in both their visual journals and major assignments. Their work has consistently demonstrated a high level of sophistication, originality, and creative problem-solving. This award celebrates their remarkable achievements and overall growth as an artist.
- **Performing Arts (Music)** - The Achievement Award in Music is presented to a student who has demonstrated a high level of academic achievement, has been an exemplary musician in their class/ensemble, and who has shown initiative by engaging in self-directed exploration and study to pursue their musical goals.
- **Performing Arts (Drama)** - The recipient of the Achievement Award in Drama is honored for their dedication and excellence in both the process of theatre creation and on-stage performance. They've demonstrated extending artistic skill in a variety of approaches to



performance. They are fearless in stepping into the shoes of another and always make unique and inspired acting choices.

### **Business Education and Information Technology –**

- **Business Education** - The recipient actively engages with the community, applying business knowledge and skills to create positive impacts beyond the classroom. Whether through outreach programs, service projects, or other community initiatives, the awardee has demonstrated a commitment to using their business acumen for the betterment of society.
- **Information Technology** – The recipient of this award has exhibited exceptional leadership skills in the context of ICT projects. Whether through collaborative group initiatives or individual endeavors, the awardee has taken charge and provided guidance, contributing significantly to the success of the ICT department.

**English** - The English achievement awards recognize students who exhibit exceptional achievement, active engagement, and a commitment to self-directed learning in their pursuit of excellence. Recipients demonstrate strong writing, reading, listening, speaking, and critical and creative thinking skills, embodying a dedication to academic excellence that goes beyond the pursuit of grades. These awards celebrate students who continuously strive to surpass expectations, displaying outstanding attendance and exceptional work habits throughout their academic journey.

**Français Langue** – The French Immersion Achievement Award is given to students consistently displaying outstanding proficiency, securing top grades, and actively participating in language activities. These students demonstrate enthusiasm and leadership in class. Actively seeking resources beyond the curriculum, they contribute positively to the immersive learning environment. A collaborative spirit and a genuine passion for French language and culture define the criteria for this award, emphasizing commitment to excellence and personal growth within the French immersion program.

**Math** – The Mathematics Achievement Award recognizes outstanding students who have demonstrated an exceptional grasp of mathematical concepts, ideas, and logical reasoning. Recipients of this award exhibit depth of understanding, problem-solving prowess, creative thinking, and a passion for exploration. The award aims to inspire a love for mathematics, foster intellectual growth, and recognize the exceptional achievements of high school students who contribute to the vibrant mathematical community.

**Modern Languages** – The Modern Language Achievement Award goes to a student who has demonstrated a very high level of fluency with excellent comprehension and communication skills, and who takes initiative in increasing their proficiency both in class and independently.



**Physical Health Education** - The PHE achievement award recognizes students for exceptional physical literacy. Recipients of this award will demonstrate excellent participation, effort, leadership, and fair play.

**Science** – The Science Achievement Award recognizes a student who has demonstrated an extensive level of understanding of various scientific processes and concepts, and who has a strong passion for learning and exploring science within and beyond the classroom.

**Social Studies** – The achievement award is given to students who consistently demonstrate an extending understanding of the social studies learning outcomes on summative assessments, and participate on a regular basis in class discussions, by evaluating, analysing, synthesizing, and connecting curricular topics to related current and historical events.

