

Aurora Middle School Awards Criteria, 2021-2022

Grade 4 Academic Excellence:

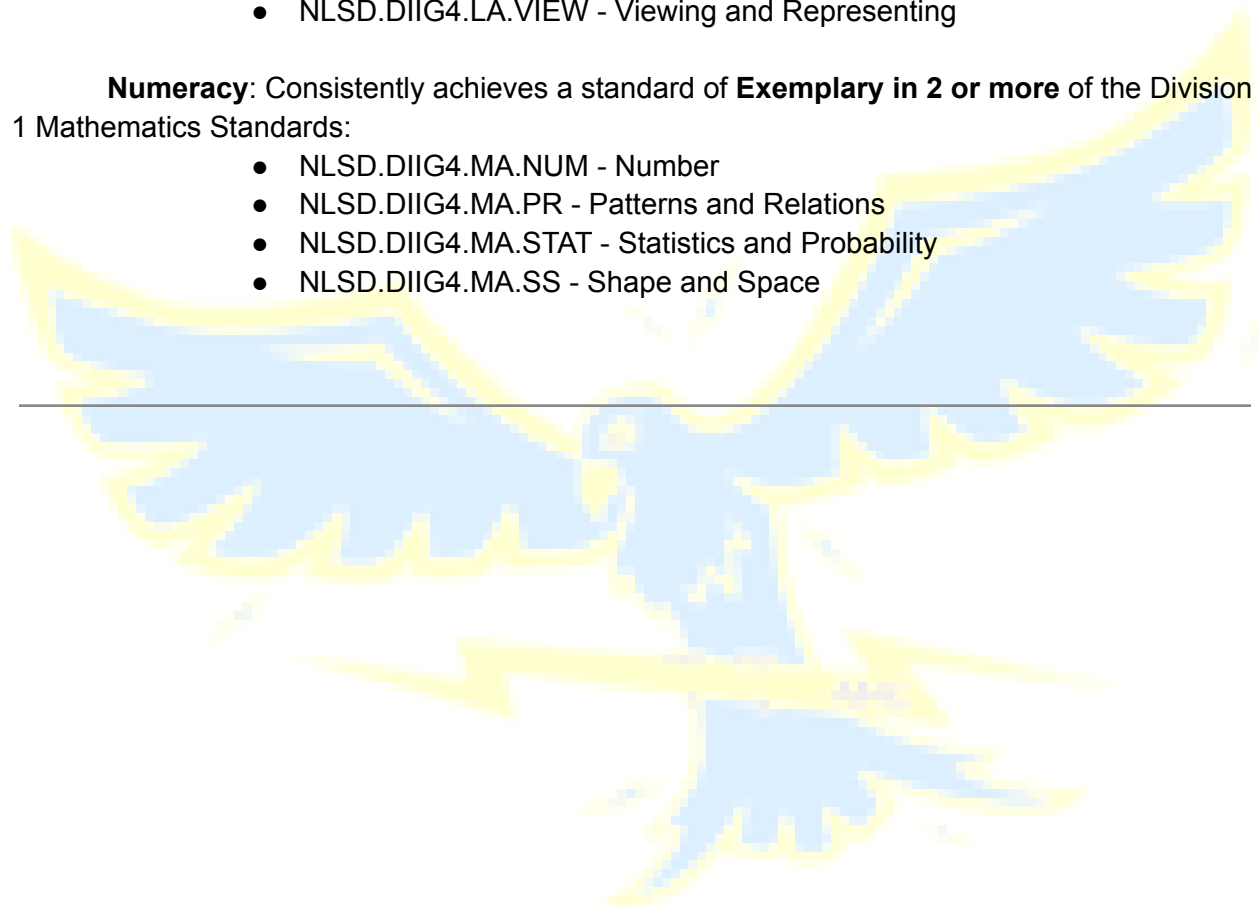
Any student meeting the criteria will receive recognition of excellence in that subject area as defined below:

Literacy: Consistently achieves a standard of **Exemplary in 2 or more** of the Division 1 Language Arts Standards:

- NLSD.DIIG4.LA.REA - Reading
- NLSD.DIIG4.LA.WRI - Writing
- NLSD.DIIG4.LA.LIS - Listening and Speaking
- NLSD.DIIG4.LA.VIEW - Viewing and Representing

Numeracy: Consistently achieves a standard of **Exemplary in 2 or more** of the Division 1 Mathematics Standards:

- NLSD.DIIG4.MA.NUM - Number
- NLSD.DIIG4.MA.PR - Patterns and Relations
- NLSD.DIIG4.MA.STAT - Statistics and Probability
- NLSD.DIIG4.MA.SS - Shape and Space



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Grade 5 through 8 Academic Excellence

Exemplary (E)	100	Excellent (E)
Proficient (P)	80	Proficient (Pf)
Approaching (A)	60	Satisfactory (S)
Not Yet (NY)	40	Limited (L)
Not Applicable (NA)	0-20	Poor (P) Insufficient (INS)

Student achievement meets a Standard of Excellence when their performance is demonstrated to be consistently Exemplary. The student has an in-depth understanding of the outcomes and produces excellent quality work. The student is capable of working independently in order to understand the outcomes, skills and strategies. While we understand Exemplary achievement indicators in NLPS are not directly connected to a numerical score, a student will be recognized for excellence in a subject area when they consistently provide a body of evidence that reflects

achievement above a Proficient level. Awards will be recognized for each core subject award: Language Arts, Math, Science, & Social Studies.

Grade 4 through 8 Academic Merit / Attitude Award

When student achievement does not meet the criteria for Academic Excellence as described above, but a student has shown an attitude that demonstrates a commitment to continual improvement, they may be recognized by grade level teams for the Attitude & Merit Award in accordance with the criteria below:

Descriptor	Student consistently:
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• demonstrates integrity & honesty in learning;• makes efforts to get caught up on missed work; and• perseveres, pushes self to be accountable, and seeks/accepts feedback.
Independent Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• stays on task during independent work;• follows instructions closely; and• makes efforts to complete tasks on their own but asks for help when appropriate.
Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• takes initiative with learning activities and can think independently;• notices opportunities to be helpful and follows through; and• embraces new challenges.
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• uses class time wisely;• arrives prepared with required materials; and• submits completed assignments when required.
Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• is respectful and cooperative with staff and students• listens actively to others and contributes to discussion when appropriate; and• takes a leadership role in group activities.
Self Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• is mindful of school rules• treats school and equipment with care; and• finds appropriate ways to manage frustrations or other challenges when they arise in a way that contributes to a positive learning environment.

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Grade 4 through 8 Citizenship Award

The Citizenship Award recognizes students who go above and beyond in representing the Aurora Middle School Code-In-Action (Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe) and who actively improve school spirit and Thunderbird Pride through positive citizenship. Grade level teams identify a select number of students meeting the criteria as below:

Descriptor	Student consistently:
Code-in-Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is respectful;• Is responsible; and• Is safe.
Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• stays true to commitments;• speaks only things that are true, helpful, & kind; and• does the right thing even when no one is looking.
Altruism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• takes initiative to help out others without being asked;• contributes positively to school-wide or community organizations; and• seeks opportunities to brighten someone else's day without need of remuneration, recognition, or any other reason
School Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• celebrates the successes of others;• participates in (and often leads) school activities that spread positive experiences through the school community; and• models Thunderbird pride.

Grade 8 Athletes of the Year

The Athletes of the Year are students nominated by physical education teachers and school staff coaches that most exemplify the attributes below. This is not an award for ability alone, but rather of SPORTSMANSHIP and LEADERSHIP. **Up to 2 athletes** of any gender can be recognized.

Descriptor	Student consistently:
Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• must be involved in 2 or more school sports; and• excels in at least 1 school sport.• Participated in school athletics in previous years (where applicable)
Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• stays true to team commitments (practices/games);• focuses on growth and development rather than winning
Coachability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• seeks out and accepts feedback from coaching staff, teachers, and volunteers• follows through with coaching feedback in a way that improves their personal game and team impact
Sportsmanship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lifts up, supports, and celebrates the successes of others (particularly when they may not be as athletic);• respects all players, coaches, volunteers, and officials;• Understands and demonstrates how to lose gracefully; and• puts team and school success ahead of self.
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• encourages team development and supports the growth of others;• models and encourages sportsmanship attributes in others

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Grade 8 Academic of the Year Award

The Academic of the Year Award goes to the Grade 8 student (or students should there be a tie) with the highest academic average of their four core subject areas - English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

Grade 8 Spirit of Aurora Award

The prestigious Spirit of Aurora Award goes to the Grade 8 student who is recognized for school citizenship (as above) in addition to participating in volunteerism in the community at large that reflects positively on our school. This prestigious award is received by one student who meets all the criteria below in ways that demonstrate to our community the best that Aurora Middle School has to offer.

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School Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• celebrates the successes of others;• participates in (and often leads) school activities that spread positive experiences through the school community; and• models Thunderbird pride.
Community Representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• volunteers formally and/or informally throughout the school community and community at large• represents the school in a manner reflective of a positive ambassador for Aurora Middle School