

FREEDOM
ELEMENTARY
Block F AWARD



**An Introductory Guide for Earning the
“EXEMPLARY TRAILBLAZER AWARD”**

CLOVIS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2023-2024

OVERVIEW

The Exemplary Trailblazer Award is the highest award a student may earn at Freedom Elementary. The **Block F Award** is available to fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students and is awarded at the end of the school year at an evening awards ceremony.

General Rules:

- To count an activity, it must have occurred during that semester.
- Students must have completed the season or activity and be a member in good standing to get credit.
- Students must have completed the minimum number of items in each area to be eligible for the Block "F" award.
- Students who have been suspended from school will be eliminated for Block F.
- Teachers will verify the application form for accuracy prior to submission.

The purpose of this award is to recognize those well-rounded individuals who exemplify the qualities that Freedom hopes to foster in all of its students, namely: (1) the desire for self-improvement; (2) dedication and commitment in reaching for goals; (3) concern for and service to others; and (4) the willingness to be a positive role model to others. The word *EXEMPLARY*, in fact, means: (1) *deserving imitation*; (2) *servng as an example*; and (3) *worthy of being a model*.

It is our hope that all students will actively pursue this award, making it a part of their planning for their total school experience. Whether or not the student actually receives the award, striving for it will hopefully enrich and enhance their educational foundation.

In the sections that follow, specific guidelines and requirements governing the earning of points in each category are discussed. We encourage parents and teachers to work closely with students in planning and setting goals.

The criterion for earning this award reflects a broad base of participation, achievement, and service. In order to earn the Block F Award, a student must complete the required number of items in each of the following categories:

Mind: 5 Points needed per semester.

- Principal's Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, or Honor Roll (*up to two points earned per semester).
- Perfect Attendance (*1 point per quarter)
- Sparthenian Award
- Essay Contest (must be a CUSD contest)
- Science Olympiad (2nd semester only)
- Drama (2nd semester only)
- Oral Interpretation (2nd semester only)
- GATE
- Met Typical Growth Reading iReady
- Met Typical Growth Math iReady

Body: 3 Points needed per semester (4th grade) & 4 points needed per semester (5th/6th grade)

- Pep and Cheer (*one point awards each semester)
- Healthy Fitness Zone for Physical Fitness Testing (2nd semester only)
- Folklorico Dance
- Hmong Dance
- Team Manager (*limited to one point per semester)
- One point per team participated on. Must complete the season with the team in accordance with the Athletic Code of Conduct.

Semester 1:

Football
Girls' Volleyball
Cross Country
Basketball
Wrestling

Semester 2:

Softball
Baseball
Boys' Volleyball
Track
Paddle Tennis

Spirit: 4 Points needed per semester (4th grade) & 5 points needed per semester (5th/6th grade)

- Ran For Student council
- Served as student council officer/classroom rep (entire term served)
- Choir/Band/Orchestra (*must receive and "outstanding" on both quarter report cards)
- Lunch Helper or Clean-Up Crew (*one full week served)
- Trailblazer Award
- Character Counts Award
- Participated in a CUSD art or poster contest

- Mac & Kids – Must attend both meetings during the semester
- Human Relations Council
- Carnival Volunteer (*2nd semester only and must sign-in with GIS at conclusion of Carnival)

Community Service or Outside Activity

Students may add one point to any category by completing 3 hours of community service or completing one outside of school activity during that semester. For community service, the attached form must be filled out and returned along with your completed application each semester. For outside activity, one bonus point per semester may be added to the category of your choice by completing an outside school activity (Ex: Piano, Dance, Karate, Soccer, etc.)



Community Service Verification Form

Student Name: _____

Date(s) Served: _____

In order to receive credit for the Service-Learning Section, students must volunteer at a community organization for a minimum of 3 hours during the semester. The list below is meant to be a guideline. The following examples below are examples of possible organizations:

- SPCA
- Poverello House
- Community Food Bank
- Children's Hospital

SPONSOR CERTIFICATION

I certify that the individual named above volunteered for 3 hours during the 2023-2024 school year as a member of the organization indicated above and has actively participated in a consistent and acceptable manner. I recommend that s/he be granted credit for the Freedom Block F Award for Community Service. If you have any questions, you may contact me at this phone number _____.

Print Name

Signature

Title

Name of Organization

Date

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FORM

DUE DATE: Friday, September 15th, 2023

Earning the Block F Award, the highest award given to elementary students, requires a collective commitment on the part of staff members, students, and parents. Thoughtful planning, organization, and work must occur on the part of each member of this team. The "Declaration for Candidacy" form declares that the student and parent have read this handbook. This declaration means that your child is committing to the Code of Participation and the Code of Ethics of Freedom Elementary. Finally, this form ensures that each member of this team: student, parent, and teacher will commit to the responsibilities delineated on the pages above. Signature of this form does not ensure your child will receive the Block F Award. This form only declares your child's intent to be a candidate for the Block F award and allows the school to help monitor your child's progress. This form does not mean your child **MUST** commit to earning the award. If at any time, you and/or your child decide that earning this award is no longer the goal, please discuss this with your child's teacher.

I have read and understand the Block F handbook.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date



BLOCK F APPLICATION

2023-2024 School Year

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Plaque or Medallion (Circle One)

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MIND (Need 5 points per semester)

Academic Area	Points Poss.	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Principals Honor Roll (4.0 GPA)	2				
Honor/High Honor Roll (3.0-3.9 GPA)	1				
		1st Sem.	2nd Sem.		
Perfect Attendance	1				
Sparthenian Award	1				
Essay Contest (Must be CUSD)	1				
GATE	1				
Science Olympiad	1				
Drama	1				
Oral Interp.	1				
Met Typical Growth (Math iReady)	1				
Met Typical Growth (Reading iReady)	1				
TOTAL MIND					

Community Service/Outside Activity: 1 bonus point may be added to the category of your choice by completing 3 hours of community service. A completed community service form must be signed and turned-in in order to receive the extra point OR 1 bonus point may be added to the category of your choice by completing an outside school activity during that semester (Ex: Piano, Dance, Karate, etc.)

___ Outside Activity: _____
 ___ Community Service Form

BODY: (Need a total of 3 points for 4th & 4 for 5th/6th grade per semester)

Athletics	Points Poss.	1 st Sem.	2 nd Sem.
Fall Sports Football, Girls' VB, & Cross Country	1		
Winter Sports Basketball & Wrestling	1		
Spring Sports Baseball, Softball, & Boys' VB	1		
Track	1		
Paddle Tennis	1		
Folklorico/Hmong Dance	1		
Cheer/Spirit Squad	1		
Outstanding PE Effort	1		
PFT Healthy Fitness Zone	1		
TOTAL BODY			

SPIRIT (Need a total of 4 points for 4th & 5 for 5/6th grade per semester)

Spirit Area	Points Poss.	1 st Sem.	2 nd Sem.
Ran for Student Council (Fall or Spring)	1		
Student Council Officer (Fall or Spring)	1		
Band, Choir, Orchestra (Must attend all school performances)	1		
Lunch Helper/Clean-Up Crew	1		
Trailblazer (1 st or 2 nd Semester)	1		
Character Counts Award	1		
Art or Poster Contest (Must be CUSD)	1		
Mac N Kids	1		
Human Relations Council	1		
Carnival Volunteer	1		
TOTAL SPIRIT			

I have fulfilled all requirements for the Block F Award

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

I have verified this student has earned the Block F Award for this school year.

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____