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CRITERIA FOR MERIT, COLOURS AND HONOURS AWARDS

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Policy Statement

Merit and Colours Awards are awarded to senior learners who qualify with specific criteria. The following are the specific criteria for Merit and Colours Awards in the various fields. However, in each case consideration is taken of the learner's general deportment and disciplinary record. Infringements in these areas can tell against a learner's receiving any such award for which he might qualify. Similarly, the school reserves the right to rescind any such award should a learner's behaviour warrant this.

A candidate must meet the Merit Criteria to be considered for a Colours Award and meet the Colours Criteria for an Honours Award. In all fields there exists a proviso whereby a candidate who meets all the criteria, except that of the required membership period, can still receive a Colours Award for excellence in his field.

Merit and Colours Awards are made at the end of the summer and winter sports seasons, in March and September respectively. The time of the award is indicated for each category.

Merit and Colours Criteria are determined by the Colours Committee in consultation with the coaches and any interested person within the school community. These criteria are updated annually and replace the previous year's criteria.

The disciplinary record of any learner will be consulted before a Merit, Colours or Honours Award is made. The following will be taken into consideration when looking at the candidate's disciplinary record:

- A candidate must be an ambassador of the school in **ALL** spheres of his life.
- A candidate may not have had a FINAL WRITTEN WARNING for any offence.
- A candidate may not have appeared before a School Governing Body hearing for any offence and be found guilty.
- Should a candidate be guilty of any of the above, said candidate may not be awarded Merit, Colours or Honours for a year following the date of the transgression.

If Merit, Colours or Honours has been awarded, the school reserves the right to rescind any award should the candidate have a FINAL WRITTEN WARNING for any offence, or appear before a School Governing Body hearing and be found guilty.

Policy is in the process of being formalised for learners who, after achieving Merit; Colours or Honours, stop that activity for no valid reason thus leaving the team or activity in the lurch.

Merit & Colours nominations and procedures

- A candidate should consult the latest criteria available from the office or in the latest Staff Admin Directory.
- If the candidate meets the Merit and Colours Criteria, he should obtain a nomination form and approach the educator in charge of the relevant activity.

- The nomination form signed by the learner, appropriate documentation and supporting information should then be handed to the educator in charge of that activity.
- The educator must then submit this nomination form signed by the learner and educator, appropriate documentation and supporting information to the Portfolio Head who will submit this documentation to the Colours Committee for consideration by the Colours Committee.
- The following documentation must accompany the application form for Merit or Colours Awards:
 1. the activity's attendance register (it is the learner's responsibility to make sure that the register is kept accurately).
 2. the letter acknowledging the candidate's selection for the Northern Cape Province and his representation of the Northern Cape Province in tournament(s) together with contact numbers of the body who made the award.
 3. Merit or Colours Award proposal form signed by the educator involved in that activity and the learner.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS:

SPORT

Honours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. be an ambassador of the school with exemplary behaviour.
2. meet the merit and colours criteria for the sport concerned.
3. be selected and play for at least an under 16 South African team of a school sport.

ACADEMICS (Summer)

Merit and Colours

A learner must have gained the following averages for the promotion totals in both the mid-year and final examinations.

	Merit	Colours
Grade 9 (for an award in Grade 10):	80%	85%
Grade 10 (for an award in Grade 11):	70%	85%
Grade 11 (for an award in Grade 12):	70%	80%

Honours

Academic Honours may be awarded to a learner who has achieved 90% in the final examinations in Grades 10 & 11, and at least 85% in the "Preparatory Examination" in Grade 12.

MATHS SCIENCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (MSLA) (Summer)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. 80% attendance at weekly and holiday classes.
2. Math Pioneers 80% attendance
3. Top 10 of MSLA Maths and Science programmes for the previous year.
OR
Represent the Province at International Science Fair.
OR
Be in Top 100 in South Africa for English Olympia

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

4. 90% attendance at weekly and holiday classes.
5. Math Pioneers 80% attendance.
6. Top 10 of MSLA Maths and Science programmes of the previous year.
7. Represent the Province at International Science Fair.
8. OR
9. Be in the Top 100 for the English Olympiad.
10. Be involved in "Giving Back" program.

ATHLETICS (Summer)

Merit

An athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices.
2. take part in 100% of all official meetings.
3. be selected for and represent the Frances Baard or "October" Northern Cape team at an official competition.

Colours

An athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all school practices.
2. take part in 100% of all official meetings.
3. be selected for and represent the Northern Cape Province at S.A. Schools meeting.

CHESS (Summer)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices.
2. take part in 80% of all league matches.
3. take part in at least 2 regional tournaments

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices.
2. take part in 80% of all first league matches.
3. be selected, attend and perform well at a Northern Cape Provincial competition.

OR

if merit is awarded for 3 years and the candidate is dedicated, he must have a positive attitude and deportment.

CHOIR (Summer)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all rehearsals.
2. be a member of the choir or chorale for 2 years.
3. sing in 3 or more public performances per year.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 90% of all rehearsals.
2. be a member of the choir or chorale for 3 years.
3. sing in 5 or more public performances per year.

AND either:

Hold a leadership position **OR** sing solo in at least 3 performances.

CRICKET (Summer)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices.
2. take part in 80% of all First XI games.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices.
2. take part in 80% of all First XI games.
3. gain selection and play for a senior (under 19) Northern Cape Provincial team.

OR

if merit is awarded for 3 years and the candidate is dedicated, he must have a positive attitude and deportment.

DEBATING (Summer)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices (a minimum of 10 practices per year).
2. attend 100% of all league and other debating competitions (a minimum of at least 2 competitions).
3. actively take part in a team for a minimum of 3 years.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices (a minimum of 10 practices per year).
2. attend 100% of all league and other debating competitions (a minimum of at least 2 competitions).
3. actively take part in the **senior** team for a minimum of 2 years.
4. (a) take part in a Northern Cape Provincial competition.
(b) participants in the UN Model Debate should be placed in the top 3 positions.

DRILL SQUAD (Summer)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices.
2. be a member of the drill squad for a minimum of 2 years.
3. take part in at least 4 public ceremonies.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices.
2. be a member of the drill squad for a minimum of 3 years.
3. take part in at least 4 public ceremonies.
4. have performed the duties of drill sergeant for 1 year **OR** effectively take a lead role in the drill squad for two consecutive years.

LAND SERVICE (Summer)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 90% of all meetings and activities.
2. attend 2 regional camps.
3. act as a group leader for 1 of the two camps.
4. achieve a silver achievement award at a regional camp.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 90% of all meetings and activities.
2. attend 2 regional camps.
3. act as a group leader for 1 of the two camps.
4. achieve a silver achievement award at a regional camp.
5. attend 1 National camp.

MUSIC (Summer)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 90% of all rehearsals.
2. be a member of the wind or jazz band for 2 years.
3. pass grade 4 practical exam through a recognised external examination body **OR** perform a grade 4 music piece which has been independently adjudicated.
4. take part in 3 or more public performances.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 90% of all rehearsals.
2. be a member of the wind or jazz band for 3 years.
3. pass grade 5 practical exam through a recognised external examination body **OR** perform a grade 5 music piece which has been independently adjudicated **OR**
4. take part in 5 or more public performances.
5. performed creditably as a soloist.

OR

if merit is awarded for 3 years and the candidate is dedicated, he must have a positive attitude and deportment.

Honours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 90% of all rehearsals.
2. be a member of the wind or jazz band for 3 years.
3. pass grade 8 practical exam through a recognised external examination body.
4. take part in 5 or more public performances.
5. performed creditably as a soloist.
6. be selected and perform for the National Youth Symphony Orchestra **AND / OR** have passed a qualification at tertiary level.

PUBLIC SPEAKING (Summer)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices (a minimum of 10 practices per year).
2. attend 100% of all competitions (a minimum of at least 2 competitions).
3. actively take part in public speaking for a minimum of 3 years.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices (a minimum of 10 practices per year).
2. attend 100% of all competitions (a minimum of at least 2 competitions).
3. actively take part in public speaking for a minimum of 3 years.
4. take part in the Northern Cape Provincial competition (provided there is a competition).

SWIMMING (Summer)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. swim in 80% of all practices.
2. take part in the inter-house gala.
3. represent the school in galas.
4. qualify with a level II time at a recognised gala.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. swim in 80% of all practices.
2. take part in the inter-house gala.
3. represent the school in galas.
4. qualify with a level II time at a recognised gala.
5. represent the Northern Cape Province at S.A. Schools OR "Four + 1" gala.

BACKSTAGE (Winter)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. be involved in at least three major productions OR in the event of no school production, must have attended 90% of all out of school events that require sound lighting for a period of three years. (One of which can be the Gariiep Festival).
2. make a significant contribution to drama activities.
3. dedication and the worth of his involvement must be taken into consideration (this includes building of sets, preparing of props, moving of props, general handyman jobs and backstage tasks from the beginning of show rehearsals).

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. be involved in at least four major productions OR in the event of no school production, must have attended 90% of all out of school events that require sound lighting for a period of three years. (One of which can be the Gariiep Festival).
2. make a significant contribution to drama activities.
3. dedication and the worth of his involvement must be taken into consideration (this includes building of sets, preparing of props, moving of props, general handyman jobs and backstage tasks from the beginning of show rehearsals).
4. take a leading role in the operating of lights OR sound OR as stage / theatre manager.

CROSS COUNTRY (Winter)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices.
2. take part in 80% of all league races.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices.
2. take part in 80% of all league races.
3. be selected for the senior Northern Cape Provincial team at **ALL** trials for the season and take part in the Northern Cape Provincial competition.

DRAMA (Winter)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. be involved in at least two major productions.
2. make a significant contribution to drama activities.
3. dedication and the worth of his performances must be taken into consideration.
4. participation in an external production will only be considered if the candidate has been involved in at least one major KHS production in the year of application.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. be involved in at least three major productions.
2. have played or have been capable of playing a lead role in at least one major production.
3. dedication and the worth of his performances must be taken into consideration.
4. participation in an external production will only be considered if the candidate has been involved in at least one major KHS production in the year of application.

FIRST AID (Winter)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices and meetings.
2. do duty a minimum of 10 hours duty at sports matches.
3. achieve a level II St John's Certificate.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices and meetings.
2. do a minimum of 20 hours duty at sports matches.
3. achieve level III St John's Certificate **OR** if level III is not offered on recommendation of the Head of St John's that the candidate would be able to achieve this level.
4. be selected and participate in a National cadet competition **OR** ranked in the top 3 cadets at the Regional cadet eliminating competition.

HOCKEY (Winter)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. be selected for the first XI squad consisting of no more than 16 players.
2. attend 80% of all practices.
3. take part in (play or bench) 80% of all first XI games.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. be selected for the first XI squad consisting of no more than 16 players.
2. attend 80% of all practices.
3. take part in (play or bench) 80% of all first XI games.
4. be selected and play for a senior Northern Cape Provincial team.

OR

if merit is awarded for 3 years and the candidate is dedicated, he must have a positive attitude and deportment.

INTERACT CLUB (Winter)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. be in no less than his second year of participation.
2. attend 80% less of all regular club meetings.
3. participate in 75% of all service or other special club activities.

Colours

The candidate must meeting the following criteria:

1. be in no less than his third year of participation.
2. attend 90% of all regular club meetings.
3. participate in 85% of all services or other special club activities.
4. attend one RYLA camp.

LIBRARY (Winter)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all break time duties and normal library tasks.
2. serve as a library monitor for 2 years.
3. assist with the end of year collection of text books and the beginning of the year textbook distribution over 2 years.
4. serve at least 10 hours in collecting and distribution of textbooks.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all break time duties and normal library tasks.
2. serve as a library monitor for 3 years.
3. assist with ALL of the end of year collection of text books and the beginning of the year textbook distribution over 3 years.
4. 90% duties and serve at least 20 hours of collecting and distribution of textbook per collection and distribution.

NOIR DE BLANC (Winter)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 90% of all meetings (a minimum of 10 meetings and 4 editions per year)
2. actively contribute to the school newspaper over a period of 3 years.
3. be part of the editorial staff involved in the layout, printing and distribution of the newspaper for 2 years.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 90% of all meetings (a minimum of 10 meetings and 4 editions per year).
2. actively contribute to the school newspaper over a period of 3 years.
3. be part of the editorial staff involved in the layout, printing and distribution of the newspaper for 3 years.
4. enter 1 national competition as editorial committee.
5. attend 1 newspaper course per year over 3 years and deliver an excellent standard of contribution and service to the newspaper.

POETRY (WINTER)

Merit

The candidate must meeting the following criteria:

1. be in no less that his 2nd year of participation.
2. attend 80% of all regular society meetings.
3. participate in 100% of at least 2 annual events or have read a poem on a recognised radio station. (Proof from radio station must be submitted).
4. two of the candidates poems must be published. (Proof must be submitted).

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. be in no less than his 3rd year of participation.
2. attend 90% of all regular society meetings.
3. attend 100% of all annual school poetry evenings and participate.
4. at least 3 of his poems must be published (proof must be submitted) or read on a recognised radio station. (Proof from the radio station must be submitted).
5. must attend annual writer's festival (with proof of attendance).

RUGBY (Winter)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. play for 80% of all practices.
2. take part (play or bench) in 80% of all first XV games.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. play for 80% of all practices.
2. take part (play or bench) in 80% of all first XV games.
3. gain selection and play for a Griqualand West Schools' Rugby team.

OR

if merit is awarded for 3 years and the candidate is dedicated, he must have a positive attitude and deportment.

SOCCER (Winter)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices.
2. take part in 80% of all first **OR** open team games.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices
2. take part in 80% of all first **OR** open team games.
3. be selected, play and show a high level of excellence in a senior Northern Cape Provincial team.

OR

if merit is awarded for 3 years and the candidate is dedicated, he must have a positive attitude and deportment.

SQUASH (Winter)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. play for 80% of all practices.
2. take part in 80% of all schools league games.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. play for 80% of all practices.
2. take part in 80% of all first team games.
3. be selected and play for an under 16 or under 19 Northern Cape Provincial team.

OR

if merit is awarded for 3 years and the candidate is dedicated, he must have a positive attitude and deportment.

TENNIS (Winter)

Merit

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 80% of all practices.
2. take part in 80% of all first team games.

Colours

The candidate must meet the following criteria:

1. attend 100% of all practices.
2. take part in 100% of all first team games.
3. be selected and play for a senior Northern Cape Provincial team.

OR

if merit is awarded for 3 years and the candidate is dedicated, he must have a positive attitude and deportment.