

3.0. Programs and Services
3.A. Instruction and Learning

3.A. PROFICIENCY AWARDS

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PROCEDURES FOR THE _____ PROFICIENCY AWARDS EVENING

1. The selection committee members will assemble in the _____ at _____ School before 7:00 p.m. (**PLEASE NOTE:** Any Selection Committee Member who is late for the meeting cannot be allowed to participate in the voting because of his/her incomplete picture of the total situation.)
2. The Principal of each student will make a one to two minute introductory speech.
3. The candidate will make a speech of not more than 10 minutes duration, about their topic.
4. All students will be permitted to listen to the speeches. Students will come in one by one to address the questions in the order selected by lot.
5. Board members will ask each student questions prepared by the Trustees and Superintendent. Five questions will be prepared and each student must make an attempt to answer all five questions.
6. When all four candidates have been interviewed in the above-mentioned manner, the committee will proceed to the evaluation stage. Each committee member will get one evaluation sheet for each candidate.
7. After the evaluation for all candidates has been completed, the voting sheets will be gathered by the scrutineers.
8. Students are awarded points based on the following: School involvement, community involvement, marks, speech and questions.
8. The two scrutineers will total the points for each candidate and will make the results known to the Superintendent and Board Chair. The Chair will announce the winner. The student receiving the highest aggregate will be awarded the first prize of \$500.00 and the three runners-up will each receive \$400.00.
9. The Superintendent will then present the W. J. Johnson trophy.
10. The prizes will again be awarded at the school's graduation exercises by the Trustee of the ward in which the winning student resides.

The evaluation committee will be comprised of the following: 7 Board Members and 4 student supporters. The Board Chair will serve as Chairman of the Selection Committee.