

CULTURE MERIT POLICY

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1. PURPOSE OF THE CULTURE MERIT POLICY:

Learners are encouraged and invited at Curro Hazeldean Primary School to participate in cultural activities. The holistic development of each learner is important to us. For this reason learners are also rewarded for their achievements. Cultural activities and achievements within and outside of the school context are taken into consideration. Learners are awarded marks, as explained in this policy, to be considered for an award.

2. WHAT DOES THE POLICY ENTAIL?

Various cultural activities are embodied in the policy. The level of achievement is connected to a mark. The learners' marks are recorded during the course of the year in order to be considered for the different awards. The policy is annually reviewed and new items / competitions are added.

3. DOES THE POLICY INFLUENCE THE BUDGET?

Annual provision is made for the activity in the school's budget. The budget makes provision for:

- Affiliation with art festivals / competitions
- Purchase and engraving of trophies
- Printing of certificates
- Hosting of art festivals and the merits function

4. WHAT IS THE WORKING PROCEDURE?

Learners receive a form (Addendum 1) on which they indicate the cultural activities in which they participated throughout the year. Proof of these achievements must be attached. The school's organisers provide achievements in certain fields such as the choirs, some orator competitions, etc.

Cultural activities and achievements within and outside of the school context are taken into consideration. School activities are as follows: Junior choir, Senior choir, Marimbas, Orators, Drama festivals. The learner's total mark for the particular year is determined by recording marks for every activity. As soon as the total mark is determined, it becomes clear which award the learner will receive.

The learner shall receive one certificate that reflects his / her listed award(s) at the prize giving at the end of the year. There are also some floating trophies that will be awarded, as set out in this

culture policy. The culture head and organiser discuss each candidate and determine, with regard to his / her achievements who qualifies for the trophies.

5. PERSONS INVOLVED

The following persons are involved in the execution of the policy:

- Head of culture
- Organiser of Merit Function
- Organisers of the following activities:
 - Junior choir
 - Senior choir
 - Marimbas
 - Drumline
 - Art festivals / competitions
 - Orators
 - Music
 - Art
 - Dances
 - Acrobatics

6. MARKS FOR AWARDS:

6.1 Grade 1 to 3 learners:

The marks of the Foundation phase learners only determine who the culture boy and girl of the year will be. They receive a gold certificate for their achievement as culture boy or girl of the year as well as the floating trophy. The Gr. 1 – 3 learners' cultural achievements are listed on a blue certificate recognising only their participation therein.

6.2 Grade 4 to 7 learners:

The specific colour certificate, colour scrolls and honorary colours are only awarded to Gr. 4 – 7 learners. The learners' culture mark determines who will be the culture boy and girl of the year. The all-rounder culture trophy is awarded to a Gr. 4 – 7 learner with the widest variety of activities. In the case of a tie, the culture mark is taken into consideration. If the learner qualifies for both, it is the principal, management team and head of culture's decision whether a learner will receive both trophies and / or the learner that qualifies for the second place will receive the trophy to give acknowledgement to more than one learner. If a Gr. 4 – 7 learner receives a culture scroll for three consecutive years, the learner will receive honorary colours during that third year. If the learner receives honorary colours for three consecutive years, the learner will be awarded a gold

school badge for the third year. If the learner receives honorary colours for four consecutive years, the learner will receive a gold school badge that is blocked.

Culture awards for the Gr. 4 – 7 learners are determined as follows:

AWARD	LEARNER'S TOTAL CULTURE MARK
Blue certificate	1 – 10 marks
Silver certificate	11 – 20 marks
Gold certificate	21 – 30 marks
Scroll with gold certificate	31 – 40 marks
Honorary colours with scroll and a gold certificate	41+ marks
Senior and Junior culture boy of the year	Boy with the highest culture mark (without choir achievement marks)
Senior and Junior culture girl of the year	Girl with the highest culture mark (without choir achievement marks)
All-rounder culture learner (only a senior can receive this)	Marks awarded for the widest variety of activities
AWARD	SENIOR CHOIR / MARIMBAS / DRUMLINE
Honorary colours with scroll and a gold certificate.	Dedicated member for 4 consecutive years
Scroll with a gold certificate	Dedicated member for 3 consecutive years

7. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WORK AS FOLLOWS:

7.1 Junior choir:

- A junior choir member can only be considered for marks if he / she attended at least 80% of practice sessions.
- If a member was not present at a specific competition / performance, then he / she is not considered for the allocation of marks for that specific occasion.
- All choir achievement marks are excluded from the calculation of the culture learner of the year. Only the marks for being a dedicated choirist member will count.
- Marks are allocated as follows:

Achievement:		Mark awarded:
Dedicated Junior choir member	1 year	1 mark
	2 year	2 marks
	3 year	3 marks
Participation at a festival		2 marks per festival

7.2 Senior choir:

- A senior choir member is only considered for marks if he / she attended at least 80% of practice sessions.
- If a member was not present at a specific competition / act, then he / she is not considered for the allocation of marks for that specific occasion.
- All choir achievement marks are excluded from the calculation for the culture learner of the year. Only the marks for being a dedicated choir member will count.
- Only the final result (final round, 3rd place, etc.) is calculated with the number of year / years' mark(s).
- Marks are awarded as follows:

Achievement:		Mark awarded
Dedicated Senior choir member	1 year	1 mark
	2 years	2 marks
	3 years	3 marks
	4 years	4 marks
Participation at a festival		+2 marks per festival
<i>Sing in Harmonie</i> : participation in the 1st round		+1 mark
<i>Sing in Harmonie</i> : participation in the final		+2 marks
1st place / category winner		+3 marks
2nd place		+2 marks
3rd place		+1 mark

7.3 Marimbas:

- A member of the Marimbas is only considered for marks if he / she attended at least 80% of practice sessions.
- Marks are awarded as follows:

Achievement:		Mark awarded:
Dedicated member of the Marimbas	1 year	1 mark
	2 years	2 marks
	3 years	3 marks
	4 years	4 marks

7.4 Orators

- Learners may be considered for marks at the following events:
 - *Radikale Redenaars*
 - *ATKV Redenaars*
 - Abe Bailey
 - On The Tip Of Your Tongue
 - National Arts Association
- *Radikale Redenaars*, Abe Bailey and On The Tip Of Your Tongue have both Afrikaans and English sections.
- *ATKV Redenaars* have only sections in Afrikaans.
- National Arts Association have only English sections.
- Each round that the learner participated at will be added together, because there are no symbols or percentages given at *ATKV Redenaars*. Marks are awarded for **ATKV Redenaars** as follows:

Achievement:	Achievement mark:
Participating in the 1 st round	1 mark
Participating in the semi-final round	+2 marks
Participating in the national final	+5 marks
If a position was attained at the last round in which the learner participated in:	Mark awarded:
1 st place	+3 marks
2 nd place	+2 marks
3 rd place	+1 mark

- Marks are awarded at **Abe Bailey / Radikale Redenaars / On The Tip Of Your Tongue / National Arts Association** as follows:

Achievement:	Achievement mark:
C / C+ / 69% and lower	1 mark
B / B+ / 70 – 79%	2 marks
A / 80 – 84%	3 marks
A+ / 85 – 89%	4 marks
A++ / 90% and higher	5 marks
Participating in the semi-final round	+1 mark
Participating in the national final	+2 marks
If a position was attained at the last round in which the learner participated in:	Mark awarded:
1 st place	+3 marks
2 nd place	+2 marks
3 rd place	+1 mark

7.5 Drama art festivals / competitions

- Learners receive merits for participation at the Pretoria Eisteddfod, Centurion Arts Festival, *Pierneefteater* Arts Festival and CAS (Curro Arts Superhero).
- CAS (Curro Arts Superhero) is only available to Gr. 4 – 7 learners.
- Learners may participate in both languages, Afrikaans and English, in the above-mentioned festivals.
- Marks are awarded as follows:

Achievement	Achievement mark
C / C+ / Bronze / Participation	1 mark
B / B+ / Silver / Bronze Tiger	2 marks
A / Gold / Silver Surfer	3 marks
A+ / Gold / Black Raven	4 marks
A++ / Curro Kryptonite blazer badge	5 marks
Category winner / Kryptonite ceremony	1 mark + achievements
Gala evening / Kryptonite concert	2 marks + achievements

7.6 Speech Festival:

- Learners may participate only in English at the Speech Festival.
- Marks are awarded as follows:

Achievement:	Achievement mark:
Bronze	1 mark
Silver	2 marks
Gold	3 marks
Gold+	4 marks
Gold++	5 marks

7.7 Art:

- Learners receive merits for their participation at the Pretoria Eisteddfod, Centurion Arts Festival and CAS (Curro Arts Superhero).
- CAS (Curro Arts Superhero) is only available for Gr. 4 – 7 learners.
- Marks are awarded as follows:

Achievement:	Achievement mark:
C / C+ / Bronze / Participation	1 mark
B / B+ / Silver / Bronze Tiger	2 marks
A / Gold / Silver Surfer	3 marks
A+ / Gold / Black Raven	4 marks
A++ / Curro Kryptonite blazer badge	5 marks

Category winner / Kryptonite ceremony	1 mark + achievements
Gala evening / Kryptonite concert	2 marks + achievements

7.8 Singing:

- Learners receive merits for participation in the Pretoria Eisteddfod, Centurion Arts festival, *Pierneefteater* Arts festival and CAS (Curro Arts Superhero).
- CAS (Curro Arts Superhero) is only available for Gr. 4 – 7 learners.
- Marks are awarded as follows:

Achievement:	Achievement mark:
C / C+ / Bronze / Participation	1 mark
B / B+ / Silver / Bronze Tiger	2 marks
A / Gold / Silver Surfer	3 marks
A+ / Gold / Black Raven	4 marks
A++ / Curro Kryptonite blazer badge	5 marks
Category winner / Kryptonite ceremony	1 mark + achievements
Gala evening / Kryptonite concert	2 marks + achievements

7.9 Music (instrumental):

- Learners receive merits for participation at the Pretoria Eisteddfod, Centurion Arts Festival and CAS (Curro Arts Superhero).
- CAS (Curro Arts Superhero) is only available for Gr. 4 – 7 learners.
- Marks are awarded as follows:

Achievements:	Achievement:
C / C+ / Bronze / Participation	1 mark
B / B+ / Silver / Bronze Tiger	2 marks
A / Gold / Silver Surfer	3 marks
A+ / Gold / Black Raven	4 marks
A++ / Curro Kryptonite blazer badge	5 marks
Category winner / Kryptonite ceremony	1 mark + achievements
Gala evening / Kryptonite concert	2 marks + achievements

7.10 Music exams:

- Learners receive merits for music exams completed at UNISA, Royal School of Music and Trinity College.
- Marks are awarded as follows for completed music exams:

Achievement:	Achievement mark:
59% and lower	1 mark
Pass / 60% – 69%	2 marks
Merit / 70% – 79%	3 marks
Distinction / 80% – 89%	4 marks
Roll of honour / 90% and higher	5 marks

7.11 Dance at CAS (Curro Arts Superhero)

- CAS (Curro Arts Superhero) is only available for Gr. 4 – 7.
- Marks are awarded as follows:

Achievement:	Achievement mark:
64.9% and lower / Participation	1 mark
65% – 74.9% / Bronze Tiger	2 marks
75% – 84.9% / Silver Surfer	3 marks
85% – 94.9% / Black Raven	4 marks
95% – 100% / Curro Kryptonite blazer badge	5 marks
Participation at the Kryptonite ceremony	1 mark + achievement
Participation in the Kryptonite concert	2 marks + achievement

8. ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL WORKS AS FOLLOWS:

When the senior culture boy and girl is determined, the achievement marks of extra-mural activities done outside of the school context, will be excluded. Only 3 items per section (dance, acrobatics, advertisements, etc.) are accepted.

8.1 Dance (modern, hip-hop, tap, ballet, ballroom, freestyle):

- Marks are awarded as follows for participation in an accredited dance competition (excluding CAS):

Achievement:	Achievement mark:
Participation in the 1 st round	1 mark
Participation in the semi-final round	2 marks
Participation in the national round	3 marks
Participation in the international round	4 marks

If a position was attained at the last round in which the learner participated in:	Marks awarded:
SA colours attained	+3 marks
1 st place	+3 marks
2 nd place	+2 marks
3 rd place	+1 mark

a. Ballet exams:

- Marks are awarded as follows for ballet exams completed:

Achievement:	Achievement mark:
Pass	1 mark
Merit	2 marks
Distinction	3 marks
Special award	4 marks

b. Modern / Hip-hop / Tap exams:

- Marks are awarded as follows for modern / hip-hop / tap exams:

Achievement:	Achievement mark:
Pass + / Pass	1 mark
Commended	2 marks
Honours	3 marks
Highly Commended	4 marks
Distinction	5 marks
Special award	+2 marks

8.2 Acrobatics:

- The following competitions will count for merits: Dance Star, A.F.S.A championships and Dance Addiction SA.
- Marks are awarded as follows for Dance Star:

Achievement:	Achievement mark:
4 th place	1 mark
3 rd place	2 marks
2 nd place	3 marks
1 st place	4 marks
Special award	+1 mark
International participation	+2 marks

- Marks are awarded as follows for the A.F.S.A North-Gauteng championships:

Achievement:	Achievement mark:
Participation in the 1 st round	1 mark
Participation in the interprovincial championships	2 marks
Participation in the South-African championships	3 marks
If a position was attained at the last round in which the learner participated in:	Mark awarded:
3 rd place	+1 mark
2 nd place	+2 marks
1 st place	+3 marks
Federation colours: Level 1 - 7	+1 mark
North-Gauteng colours: Level 8 – Advanced Elite	+2 marks
SA colours attained	+3 marks

- Marks are awarded as follows for the Dance Addiction SA championships:

Achievement:	Achievement mark
High Bronze / Bronze	1 mark
Silver	2 marks
High silver	3 marks
Gold	4 marks
High gold	5 marks
Special award	+2 marks
Qualifies for the Dance offs	+1 marks
Receive a trophy at the Dance offs	+2 marks

- Marks are awarded as follows for the A.F.S.A exams:

Achievement:	Achievement mark
Pass + / Pass	1 mark
Commended	2 marks
Highly commended	3 marks
Honours	4 marks
Honours with distinction	5 marks
Special award	+2 marks

8.3 Drumline:

- A member of the Drumline group will only come into consideration for marks if he / she attended at least 80% of the practice sessions.
- Marks are awarded as follows:

Achievement:		Mark awarded:
Dedicated member of the Drumline group	1 year	1 mark
	2 years	2 marks
	3 years	3 marks
	4 years	4 marks

8.4 Participation in advertisements, soapies and films:

- If the learner was / is part of an advertisement, soapie or film, the learner gets recognition if the learner had a character role with words.
- Marks are awarded as follows:

Achievement:	Achievement mark:
TV / radio advertisement	2 marks
Role in soapie for less than 5 episodes	2 marks
Role in soapie for 6 or more episodes	4 marks
Role in film	5 marks

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CULTURE AWARDS

Name: _____ **Gr.** _____

Important notes:

- Indicate in the appropriate box(es) the achievements during this **PAST YEAR**.
- All proof / certificates (only copies) **MUST BE ATTACHED AND MUST BE DATED**.

SECTION A: School activities

1. Junior choir:

Mark for participation – the organisers will process the marks	
Number of years as part of the Junior choir	

2. Senior choir:

Mark for participation – the organiser will process the marks	
Number of years as part of the Senior choir	

3. Marimbas:

Mark for participation – the organiser will process the marks	
Number of years as part of the Marimbas	

4. Orators: (mark for participation if no certificate was given)

ATKV Redenaars	
Abe Bailey	
On The Tip Of Your Tongue	
Radikale Redenaars	
National Arts Association	

5. Achievements at the following arts festivals and competitions: Pretoria Eisteddfod, Pierneefteater Arts Festival, Centurion Arts Festival, Speech Festival / art / music instruments / singing

Please mark how many times the learner attained that specific achievement.	Quantity
C / C+ / Bronze	
B / B+ / Silver	
A / Gold	
A+ / Gold +	
A++ / Gold ++	
Category winner	
Participation at a national final	

6. CAS (Curro Arts Superhero) – Act it!, Make it!, Move it!, Play it!, Sing it! (**only Gr.4-7 learners**)

Please mark how many times the learner attained that specific achievement.	Quantity
64.9% and lower / Participation	
65% – 74.9% / Bronze Tiger	

75% – 84.9% / Silver Surfer	
85% – 94.9% / Black Raven	
95% – 100% / Curro Kryptonite blazer badge	
Participation in the Kryptonite concert	

7. Music exams:

UNISA	%
Royal School of Music	%
Trinity College	%

SECTION B: Extra mural activities outside of the school (only 3 per section)

1. Dance:

Name of competition:	Grade / Level	Result / %
1.		
2.		
3.		
SA colours attained? Yes / No		

2. Dance exams:

Type of dance:	Grade / Level	Result / %
1.		
2.		
3.		

3. Acrobatics:

Competition:	Grade / Level	Result / %
1. Dance Star		
2. A.F.S.A North-Gauteng championships		
3. Dance Addiction SA		
SA colours attained? Yes/ No		

4. Acrobatics exam:

Acrobatics exam:	Grade / Level	Result / %
1. A.F.S.A exams		

5. Drumline:

Mark for participation (the organiser will process the marks)	
Number of years as part of the Drumline group	

6. Participation in advertisements, soapies and films:

Thorough description: (remember to provide us with the channel, period, etc.)
1.
2.
3.

I, _____, parent of the above-mentioned learner, hereby certify that the information provided is correct.

Contact number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Signature

Date: _____