

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 reviewed annually 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
- Printing of certificates
- Hosting of art festivals and the prize giving

4. WHAT IS THE WORKING PROCEDURE?

Parents will receive a link to an online form on Microsoft Forms to complete. On the online form they indicate the cultural activities in which their child participated throughout the year. Proof of these achievements must be emailed or handed in as a hard copy to the register teachers. The school's organisers provide achievements in certain fields such as the choirs, marimbas, etc.

Cultural activities and achievements within the school context, as set out in the culture information book, are taken into consideration. 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 management team 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 prize giving
- Organisers of the following activities:
 - Junior choir
 - Senior choir
 - Marimbas
 - Art festivals / competitions
 - Public speaking
 - Music
 - Art
 - Dance

6. MARKS FOR AWARDS:

6.1 Grade 1 to 3 learners:

The marks of the Foundation phase learners determine the specific colour certificate, magnetic scroll plates and floating trophies. The trophies go to the boy and girl with the most culture merit points. The magnetic scroll plates that the Gr. 1 – 3 learners receive does not roll over to the Insen phase. When a learner participated in a National round they receive a gold certificate. If a learner was invited to the gala evening of an accredited competition, where the competition does not have a National round, the learner receives a gold certificate. When a learner placed first in a National round (first in South Africa), the learner then gets a gold certificate and a magnetic scroll plate.

Culture awards for the Gr. 1 – 3 learners are determined as follows:

AWARD	LEARNER'S TOTAL CULTURE MARK
Blue certificate	1 – 15 marks
Silver certificate	16 – 30 marks
Gold certificate	31 – 45 marks
Magnetic scroll badge with gold certificate	46+ marks
Junior culture boy of the year	Boy with the highest culture mark
Junior culture girl of the year	Girl with the highest culture mark

AWARD	JUNIOR CHOIR / PARTICIPATION NATIONALLY / INVITED TO GALA EVENING
Magnetic scroll badge and a gold certificate.	1 st Place in a National round / Dedicated member of the junior choir for 3 years
Gold certificate	Participation in a National round / Invited to a gala evening

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 (drama, music, dance, etc.). In the case of a tie, the culture mark is taken into consideration. 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. When a learner participated in a National round they receive a gold certificate with a culture scroll. When a learner placed first in a National round (first in South Africa), the learner then gets a gold certificate, scroll and honorary colours. If a learner was invited to the gala evening of an accredited competition, where the competition does not have a National round, the learner then receives a gold certificate with a culture scroll.

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 culture boy of the year	Boy with the highest culture mark
Senior culture girl of the year	Girl with the highest culture mark

All-rounder culture learner	Marks awarded for the widest variety of activities (art, drama, music, etc.)
AWARD	SENIOR CHOIR / MARIMBAS / NATIONAL PARTICIPATION / INVITATION TO GALA EVENING
Honorary colours with scroll and a gold certificate.	Dedicated choir member for 4 consecutive years / Dedicated member of the marimbas for 4 consecutive years / 1 st Place in a National round
Scroll with a gold certificate	Dedicated choir member for 3 consecutive years / Dedicated member of the marimbas for 3 consecutive years / Participation in National round / Invited to a gala evening

7. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WORK AS FOLLOWS:

7.1 Drama art festivals / competitions

- Learners receive merits for participation at the Pretoria Eisteddfod, Centurion Arts Festival, *Pierneefteater* Arts Festival, *jouGROOTtalent*, Jump In Eisteddfod, Speech Festival and CAS, Curro Create, #Straight2Camera Monologue Festival.
- CAS, Curro Create, #Straight2Camera Monologue Festival is only available to 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++ / A+++ / Gold++ / Curro Kryptonite blazer badge	5 marks
Category winner / Kryptonite ceremony	1 mark + achievements
Gala evening / Kryptonite concert	2 marks + achievements

7.2 Public speaking

- Learners may be considered for marks at the following events:

ATKV Redenaars, Radikale Redenaars, Abe Bailey, On The Tip Of Your Tongue, jouGROOTtalent, Jump In Eisteddfod, Centurion Arts Festival and Pierneefteater Arts Festival.

- 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 for **Radikale Redenaars** 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

- Marks are awarded at **all the other abovementioned competitions / festivals** (excluding *ATKV Redenaars* and *Radikale Redenaars*) 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++ / 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

7.3 Singing – 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 choir 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

7.4 Singing – 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
If a position was attained at the last round in which the learner participated in:		Mark awarded:
1st place / category winner		+3 marks
2nd place		+2 marks
3rd place		+1 mark

7.5 Singing:

- Learners receive merits for participation in the Pretoria Eisteddfod, Centurion Arts Festival, *Pierneefteater* Arts Festival, *jouGROOTtalent*, Jump In Eisteddfod and CAS.
- CAS 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++ / A+++ / Gold++ / Curro Kryptonite blazer badge	5 marks
Category winner / Kryptonite ceremony	1 mark + achievements
Gala evening / Kryptonite concert	2 marks + achievements

7.6 Music:

- Learners receive merits for participation at the Pretoria Eisteddfod, Centurion Arts Festival, Noorderkruin Arts Festival, *jouGROOTtalent*, Jump In Eisteddfod and CAS.
- CAS 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++ / A+++ / Gold++ / Curro Kryptonite blazer badge	5 marks
Category winner / Kryptonite ceremony	1 mark + achievements
Gala evening / Kryptonite concert	2 marks + achievements

7.7 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

7.8 Music – 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

7.9 Art:

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

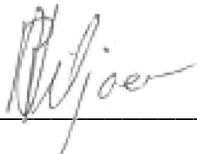
Achievement:	Achievement mark:
C / C+ / Bronze / Participation	1 mark
B / B+ / Silver / Bronze Tiger	2 marks
A / Gold / Silver Surfer	3 marks
A+ / Gold+ / Black Raven	4 marks
A++ / A+++ / Gold++ / Curro Kryptonite blazer badge	5 marks
Category winner / Kryptonite ceremony	1 mark + achievements
Gala evening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

7.10 Dance:

- Learners receive merits for their participation at Jump In Eisteddfod and CAS.
- CAS is only available for Gr. 4 – 7.
- 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++ / A+++ / Gold++ / Curro Kryptonite blazer badge	5 marks
Category winner / Kryptonite ceremony	1 mark + achievements
Gala evening / Kryptonite concert	2 marks + achievements

Please take note: the merits for any type of dance or acrobatics competition not mentioned in this policy will be recognised under the sport extra mural activities outside of the school.



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