

# Quail Lake Environmental Charter School



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## Block QL Handbook 2016-2017

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# Overview

The Block QL Award is the highest award a student may earn at Quail Lake Environmental Charter School. The Block QL Award is available to 4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and is awarded to all recipients at our end of the year awards assembly.

The criteria for earning this award reflect a broad base of participation, achievement, and service. In order to earn the Block QL, a student must accrue points in five categories:

- Curricular
- Co-Curricular
- Athletics
- Personal Responsibility
- School Service and Involvement

Points are earned as the result of participation and/or achievement in designated areas or activities. Candidates for this award must earn a minimum of fourteen (14) points in the "Curricular" category, as well as additional points in each of the other categories. Students who have met initial criteria AND have earned the following total number of points will receive the Block QL Award:

- Grade 4: 50 Points
- Grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>: 60 Points

The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals who exemplify the qualities that Quail Lake hopes to foster in all students: (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.

A student must be an active and enthusiastic participant in the activities of the school, engage in the pursuit of excellence, and meet certain standards of achievement and performance. Individuals earning this prestigious award receive the Quail Lake Block QL plaque. Second-through fifth-year recipients receive a plate to be added to their first- year plaque.

# **Category One:**

## **Curricular Areas**

A minimum of 15 points is required in this category.

### **Honor Roll**

- Principal's Honor Roll and Principal's Achievement: 4 Points for each trimester earned (4.0 G.P.A. or all 4s)
- High Honor Roll: 3 Points for each trimester earned (3.5-3.9 G.P.A.)
- Honor Roll: 2 Points for each trimester earned (3.0-3.4 G.P.A. or all 3s and 4s)

### **Grade Improvement**

One (1) point will be earned for students who improve their grades by at least one letter grade on their trimester report cards.

### **Accelerated Reader**

Two (2) points will be verified by the classroom teacher based on the student meeting their individualized AR goal for each trimester. One (1) additional point will be awarded for students who earn 150% or more of their goal, for a maximum of (3) points.

### **Falcon Scholar**

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will earn two (2) points for being the Falcon Scholar of the trimester.

### **Monthly Awards**

One point will be awarded to students for each of the listed awards that they receive at school awards assemblies.

### **Science Fair/History Day Participation**

A student who enters a completed (with a completed board) science project in the District Science Fair will receive one (1) point. A student who enters a completed science or history project at the Fresno County level will receive 1 point for participation and 1 additional point if they place. Finally, students competing at the State competition will get an additional point, and if they receive special recognition they will receive a total of two (2) points. A total of 5 points are possible.

### **Essay Contest Participation**

Participation in any essay contest offered throughout the school year will earn the student one (1) point. The essay must be complete and approved by the teacher prior to submission. Students will receive two (2) points for school-level winners. Students will receive three (3) points for any awards at the district, county, state or national levels. Maximum points allowed in this category are three (3) per year.

# **Category Two:**

## **Co-Curricular Area**

A *minimum of 1 point* is required in this category.

### **Instrumental Music**

Fifth through eighth grade students participating in the Quail Lake Instrumental Music Program will receive one point. A student may receive one (1) additional point for attending one of the afterschool/weekend performances. If a student attends all afterschool/weekend performances they will earn one (1) additional point for a grand total of three (3) points. Students who drop or are permanently dismissed from the music program due to disciplinary reasons receive zero (0) points.

### **Choir**

Fifth through eighth grade students participating in the Quail Lake Choir Program will receive one (1) point. A student may receive one (1) additional point for attending one of the afterschool/weekend performances. If a student attends all afterschool/weekend performances they will earn one (1) additional point for a grand total of three (3) points. Students who drop or are permanently dismissed from the Choir program due to disciplinary reasons receive zero (0) points.

### **Lip Sync**

Students who participate in the Quail Lake Lip Sync will earn one (1) point. Students who win at the Quail Lake Lip Sync and go on to the District Lip Sync will earn an additional one (1) point. If students place at the District Lip Sync, they will earn another one (1) point for a total of 3 points.

### **Drama**

Participation in Quail Lake's Drama earns students (2) points for participation, one (1) point for trying out. An additional point will be awarded for perfect attendance to all practices. Students with a major role in the play will earn an extra point. A maximum of four (4) points may be earned.

### **Science Olympiad/Science Bowl**

Participation at the regional level will earn a student three (3) points. Participation at the state level will earn a student four (4) points.

## **Poster Contest Participation**

Participation in any poster contest offered throughout the school year will earn the student one (1) point. The poster must be complete and approved by the teacher prior to submission. Students will receive two (2) points for school-level winners. Students will receive three (3) points for any awards at the district, county, state or national levels. Maximum points allowed in this category are three (3) per year.

## **Peach Blossom**

Students who try out will get at least one point. Students who qualify and participate in the Peach Blossom Festival will earn an additional (1) point. Students may also receive one (1) additional point by having the team rated Superior by the judges. Students can earn up to three (3) points.

## **Young Author's Faire**

Students who participate in the Young Author's Faire will earn one (1) point.

## **Chess Club**

Participation in any (or all) chess club sessions offered throughout the school year will earn a student one (1) point. Students who participate in weekend tournaments can earn an additional (1) point. If they place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in a tournament will receive one (1) additional point, for a grand total of three (3) points.

## **Robotics**

Participation in any (or all) robotics sessions offered throughout the school year will earn a student one (1) point. Students who participate in weekend competitions can earn an additional (1) point. If they place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in a tournament will receive one (1) additional point, for a grand total of three (3) points.

(This can include Sumo Bots, First Lego League, or any other school robotics group.)

# Category Three:

## **Athletics**

A *minimum of 1 point* is required in this category.

### **Seasonal Sports**

Participation on the team for the full season in accordance with a signed "Code of Ethics" contract will earn a student three (3) points. Students who enroll at Quail Lake after the season has begun may receive participation points if they participate for at least 50 percent of the season. All team members receive one (1) additional point if the team finishes in the top 3 in league standings. Participants have the opportunity to earn individual points in Cross Country and Track. An individual receives one (1) additional point for an award earned at the district-level. Team membership is open to all students who wish to participate. Please list the sport that is participated in on the line provided for each season.

### **Community-Sponsored Athletics**

Participation in a Community-Sponsored Athletic activity will earn a student one (1) point. Students must have at least one (1) additional point from a school-sponsored sport.

Participation in a community-sponsored activity means signing-up and participating in all scheduled games, practices, meets, etc. The coach of the activity/team must verify participation. **Participation on these activities must not conflict with the school program.**

### **Cheerleading**

Cheerleading is offered for all interested fifth through eight grade students. Participation as a cheerleader in accordance with the "Code of Ethics" and cheerleader participation contract will earn students one (1) point. Additional points will be awarded for participation in the football carnival and rallies one (1) point, participation at all championship games one (1) point, and the Sanger Unified Showcase one (1) point, for a grand total of four (4) possible points. Service for the entire school year is required to receive full points.

# Category Four:

## Personal Responsibility

A *minimum of 12 points* is required in this category.

### Citizenship

A student earns three (3) points for earning all O's on their report card each trimester. A student can earn up to nine (9) points for the year.

### Student of the Month

A student earns one (1) point for being the student of the month.

### Falcon Character

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will earn two (2) points for earning the Falcon Character award for the trimester.

### Falcon BEST

A student earns one (1) point for each of the trimesters when he/she has earned Quail Lake's Falcon BEST reward (has lost less than 5 Falcon BEST points). Students may earn an additional two (2) points per trimester if they have lost no Falcon BEST points. They can earn a total of nine (9) points.

**\*\*\*If at any time during the school year a student is suspended they will be deemed ineligible to earn the Block QL Award. They can appeal this rule on an individual basis with the principal.**

### Perfect Attendance

Regular attendance in school is an important factor in student's progress, achievement, and success. Therefore, attendance is one of the factors associated with being an EXEMPLARY FALCON.

Students with perfect attendance (no absences) or unexcused tardies (or taken out of school early) for all trimesters will receive two (2) points. Students with one to three absences will receive one (1) point. Students with more than three excused absences and/or any "unexcused" absences will not receive points.

Students, who complete an Independent Study (IS) contract, are not counted as absent. The independent study contract must be initiated prior to the absence in accordance with district policy and be turned in completed on time. **An Independent Study Contract does not count towards Perfect Attendance.**

If a student has more than 5 unexcused/un-cleared absences in a trimester they will be deemed ineligible to earn the Block QL Award.

# **Category Five:**

## **School Service and Involvement**

A *minimum of 1 point* is required in this category.

### **Student Council**

A student will receive one (1) point running for a student body office, even if not elected. A student will receive three (3) points for election to a student body office and while serving as a student body officer, serve for the full term in accordance with the "Code of Ethics." All officers must serve for the entire year.

### **Peer Mediators**

Students who are selected and trained to serve as Quail Lake Peer Mediators will receive two (2) points. They must remain in good standing for the entire year to receive the two (2) points.

### **Cafeteria Helper**

Students who volunteer to assist in the cafeteria will receive one (1) point per semester (2) points possible per year. In order to qualify for the one (1) point, the custodian or noon aides will validate that the student has worked in the cafeteria at least five (5) lunch periods during the course of the trimester.

### **Library/Technology Monitor**

Students who volunteer to serve as library/technology monitors. Participation as a library monitor earns one (1) point. Library Monitors will apply and are selected by the Librarian. Monitors will work in the Media Center at least one (1) week. The Library Monitors' tasks include working at the circulation desk, shelving books, assisting students and visitors, assist with computers, tidying the library, and other jobs as assigned. Two (2) possible points per year.

### **Green Team**

Students who are selected and trained to serve as Quail Lake Green Team Members will receive three (3) points. They must remain in good standing and participate for the entire year to receive the three (3) points. If students are in 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade and help with taking the compost to the compost bin and turning the compost on a regular basis, they can earn an additional two (2) points.

### **Yearbook Staff**

The Yearbook Staff helps develop the Quail Lake Yearbook. Students may earn one (1) point per year as a Yearbook Member. The Yearbook Advisor(s) will outline all requirements and responsibilities that can include page designs, work ups, cover design, picture selection, committee work, etc.



## **Community Involvement**

Non-school, community activities are beneficial to the growth and development of children. Participation in these activities, therefore, is consistent with the values and qualities of which the Block QL Award is designed to encourage.

Students may earn points for participation in an activity, class, or organization not sponsored by the school. Two (2) points maximum may be earned in this category. Activities such as scouting organizations, community-sponsored clubs, instructional classes in fine arts (music, church group, community volunteer, etc.), or other genuine community sponsored organizations that promote the involvement of children in worthwhile learning activities qualify.

In order to obtain these points the students MUST submit (to the teacher) a completed school form signed by the sponsor/leader of the non-school sport, activity, or class and certify that the student's participation meets with the spirit of Quail Lake's "CODE OF ETHICS".

# Quail Lake

## Community Service Verification Form

The student listed below is applying for Service Credit for Quail Lake's Block QL Award. We are asking that the sponsor or advisor (non-family member) listed below verify the student's completion of volunteer service hours as defined in the Block QL handbook (All service hours must be without compensation and must be provided to a "non-profit" group or organization.)

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### Student Information:

Name of Student Performing Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Total time volunteered during school year (See back of this form): \_\_\_\_\_ Hours.

### General Description of Community Service Provided:

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Student Signature

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Date

### Sponsor/Advisor Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number (For possible clarification/verification) \_\_\_\_\_

*I verify that this student provided the Community Service as described (see back).*

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Sponsor/Advisor Signature

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Date

