

## **Awards**

1. The Yolo County Board of Education (“County Board”) desires to recognize students, employees, parents, and community members who perform special acts or services in the interest of public education.
  - a. It is the policy of the County Board to recognize Yolo County Office of Education (“YCOE”) employees who retire with 10 or more years of service by means of a formal written proclamation and to participate in such retiree celebrations as shall be scheduled from time to time by the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools (“Superintendent”).
2. The County Board supports the initiation and implementation of any program or activity, which is not in conflict or inconsistent with or preempted by any law, and which is not in conflict with the purposes for which the YCOE was established.
3. The County Board supports presentation of awards for superior accomplishments and other special acts or services in the public interest.
4. The County Board authorizes the Superintendent to make awards to employees, students, parents, and community members.
5. The County Board has determined that these activities are in accordance with Education Code 35160 and 44015 and serve educational purposes (but not be limited to) as follows:
  - a. Recognizes exceptional achievement;
  - b. Increases community participation in service to education;
  - c. Promotes communication of local educational priorities; or
  - d. Commends exemplary service in education.
6. The following rules and regulations are established and the expenses of awards duly authorized shall be paid by county office funds:
  - a. Awards shall be made to individuals performing exemplary service to public education.
  - b. Recommendation for awards shall be made by a committee appointed by the Superintendent or designee.
  - c. The committee shall recommend the type of award.
  - d. The expense per individual award shall not exceed \$200.00 unless expressly approved by the County Board.

- e. Awards shall be approved by the Superintendent or designee.
- f. The Superintendent shall inform the County Board of the names of all award recipients, the purpose for which the award was given, and the type of award.
- g. The Superintendent shall develop a policy to establish a Recognition Committee and guidelines for operation.

When an awards program is established, the County Board shall budget funds for this purpose, but may authorize awards from funds under its control whether or not budgeted funds have been provided or the funds budgeted are exhausted.

**Legal References:**

Education Code, 35160, 35160.1, 44015

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