

# Spillane Middle School Awards

Spillane Middle School enjoys celebrating the success of our students. Please see the list below of the numerous opportunities we have for our Spartans to be recognized for their successes.

## I. Honor Roll Certificate Program

- Students who earn Honor Roll receive a certificate the first time they qualify for this distinction.
- Each six weeks the student earns honor roll, he/she will receive a silver or gold sticker to place on their certificate.
- Distinguished Honor Roll (gold sticker) - Student must earn all A's, as well as all E's or S's in conduct.
- Honor Roll (silver sticker) - Student must earn a minimum of four A's and three B's, as well as all E's or S's in conduct.

## II. Breakfast of Champions/Honor Roll Recognition

- Spillane will hold one Breakfast of Champions in the spring to celebrate the academic achievement of students who earn Honor Roll distinction in each of the first five grading periods.
- Spring Breakfast - Students must earn Honor Roll for the first through fifth six-weeks grading periods.
- Students who qualify for these breakfasts will receive a letter to invite them and their parents to the breakfast celebration.
- Any student who has received any alternative educational placement at any time during the school year will not be allowed to participate.
- NOTE: The Language Arts/Reading block will count twice for 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

## III. Perfect Attendance Celebration

- Students who have been in attendance 100% of the time (no absences for any part of the school day - excused or unexcused) are invited to attend an end-of-the-year celebration held during the school day.
- Students will receive a certificate to acknowledge this achievement.

**IV. Presidential Award for Academic Excellence** – This is a national program that honors 8<sup>th</sup> grade students whose averages are 90 or above. Additionally, these students must be successful on both Reading and Math STAAR and score above a set criteria in both of these tested subjects. These students are honored at a ceremony held during the school day.

**V. End-of-the-Year Awards Ceremony** – Students will be invited to attend the end-of-the-year awards celebration to be honored for their achievements in the following categories:

**A. Distinguished Honor Roll for One Year** – Student has earned all A's for the entire year.

**B. Distinguished Achievement** – Each teacher will give this certificate for each content area and each academic level.

Qualifications:

- Student has earned the highest average in the course for the year
- Student has emphasized high academic achievement in each content area
- Student shows leadership ability and responsibility
- Student has maintained a positive attitude toward learning
- Student is self-motivated, determined, and constantly strives for success.

**C. Spartan Pride Award** – Each teacher will give this certificate for each content area and each academic level.

Qualifications:

- Student has continuously and enthusiastically participated in class activities on a daily basis.
- Student has shown that he/she is learning the material and has maintained a solid grade or shown a steady improvement in performance
- Student has maintained a positive attitude toward learning
- Student has demonstrated a sincere effort in all class work
- Student has maintained a desire to achieve and a desire to continue to learn.

**D. Duke University Talent Search** – This is awarded to all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who took the SAT or ACT and received State-Level Recognition or Grand-Level Recognition.

**E. Daughters of the American Revolution Award** – This is given each year to one clearly outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> grade student (male or female) who has been identified by the faculty as a student who has continuously displayed:

- Honor
- Courage
- Respect
- Dedication
- Dependability
- Self-determination
- Outstanding Citizenship
- Leadership
- Patriotism
- Service to the School and Community

**F. Distinguished Honor Roll for Three Years** – This is given to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have earned straight A's for 3 years.

**G. Spartan Mark of Excellence Award** – This is given to a select few 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have made a positive contribution to Spillane Middle School. All teachers will nominate these students. The administrative staff will review all records and data for each student nominated in order to make the final selection. These 8<sup>th</sup> grade students exhibit the following characteristics:

- Have made Spillane a better place because of their actions
- Demonstrated day-in and day-out the qualities of successful Spartans
- Exhibited outstanding citizenship
- Shown self-motivation
- Served as positive role models
- Maintained their drive and determination
- Acted responsibly
- Shown their concern regarding academic achievement
- Maintained excellent behavior
- Shown quality leadership
- Have been well rounded students engaged in a variety of school-related activities and events