

GW Graham Year End Awards Criteria



School – Wide Awards

The Grizzly Award – Top Overall:

Student excels academically in all subjects taken

Student has completed four academic subjects

Participation in athletics, and/or fine arts, and/or applied skills

Student is a model of citizenship and service to G.W. Graham

Student participates in a variety of areas in the school community

Top Citizenship Award:

Students who exemplify the following attributes of our motto:

G.W. Graham is a creative community of learners challenging each other to CARE, INQUIRE, DISCOVER, EXPLORE, and ACHIEVE. We are dedicated to developing compassionate citizens of the world.

- **Discover**: Seek to learn, find out or gain sight or knowledge of something new.
- **Explore**: Investigate or search out information and/or new opportunities
- **Inquire**: Seek information by asking questions.
- **Achieve**: Successfully bring about or reach personal goals by effort, skill, or courage.
- **Care**: Show concern, interest, and look after other people, property, and equipment.

Top Service Award:

Students who have given considerable time and energy to the school community.

Have taken a leadership role in school wide activity days.

Top Academic Award:

Students receive A Honours for first three terms

Highest average mark based on percentage (school-based marks only)

Consideration given to academic rigor of student's course load

Where there are two equally qualified candidates, decision will be made by Awards

Committee based on other evenly applied data (e.g. Provincial Exam results,

homework completion, school final exam results)

Courage to Persevere:

Student has overcome significant personal obstacles to succeed at G.W. Graham.

Awarded to both Middle and Secondary students, at any grade level

Math Contests through University of Waterloo:

Students must be full time students at GW Graham
Students write the contest for the required age group

Overall Outstanding Fine Arts Award

Students who participate in the arts related performances and Activities (art show, theatre production, music, and dance performances) are candidates for this award. Students must be taking more than one fine arts course and must show exceptional dedication and skill level. They need to impress with work habits, leadership, and focus.

Top -Technology 12

Preference to high-achieving student who takes courses in more than one area of Applied Skills Technology and/or more than one course in a specific area of Applied skills Technology i.e.: Wood work and Metal and Drafting.

- High mark (s) Overall Grade %
- Shows conscientious, consistent & diligent effort
- Role model, positive attitude
- Safety Regulations always observed

Business/Computers Award

Preference will be given to students with a demonstrated interest in the field of Business and/or Computers, either as a future career option or as a complement to a chosen profession. Candidates will have achieved high standings in Business 11 & 12, Computers 10-12, Animation 10-12, or some combination through grades 10-12. Among equal candidates, other criteria will be considered – leadership, ability to work independently & in a group, critical thinking & the ability to problem-solve. If no suitable candidates are found, then consideration will be given to a Grade 12 student who has taken a Grade 11/12 course. If no suitable Grade 12 candidate is available, a Grade 11 student who meets the criteria will be selected.

Department Awards – Middle



Middle School Math/Science 7 and 8 Award

Straight A's for math and science based on all four terms

Exemplifies school motto.

Where there are two equally qualified candidates, decision will be made based on other evenly applied data (eg. Math Competition marks, Science Fair Projects, Lab and Project work)

Middle School Math 9 Award

Highest Average Mark for math

Where there are two equally qualified candidates, decision will be made based on other evenly applied data (eg. Math Competition Marks, Exam marks, etc.).

Middle School Science 9 Award

Highest Average Mark for science

Where there are two equally qualified candidates, decision will be made based on other evenly applied data (eg. Exam marks, etc.)

Middle School Humanities:

Humanities is a combination of English and Social Studies. The students who win the award have stellar academic performance. They strive to be inquirers, thinkers, communicators, and risk takers, and are open-minded, caring, principled, knowledgeable, balanced and reflective.

Exploratories 7

- Earns high marks in all Exploratories courses (Foods, Textiles, Technology, and Computers)
- Shows conscientious, consistent & diligent effort
- Is a role model, helping others when able

Exploratories 8

- Earns high marks in all Exploratories courses (Foods, Textiles, Technology, and Computers)
- Shows conscientious, consistent & diligent effort
- Is a role model, helping others when able

Physical Education Awards:

Grade - %
Outstanding Attitude
Cooperation with teacher and students
Positive Role Model
Properly prepared for every class
Well kept PE folder/duo-tang
Above average achievement on PE written work
Demonstrates Leadership characteristics
Athletic Ability – Skill Component

Home Economics 9

Preference give to students who take more than one Home Economics course in both Foods and Textiles. If no suitable candidates are found with two courses, then consideration will be given to an individual who takes one course. The following criteria will be used when selecting the award winner:

- Earns high marks in all courses
- Uses appropriate safety procedures consistently
- Applies conscientious and diligent effort
- Is a role model, helping others when able

Top- Technology 9

Preference give to students who take more than one Applied Skills Technology course in both Wood work and Metal. If no suitable candidates are found with two courses, then consideration will be given to an individual who takes one course. The following criteria will be used when selecting the award winner:

- Earns high marks in all courses – Overall grade %
- Uses appropriate safety procedures consistently
- Applies conscientious and diligent effort
- Is a role model, positive attitude

Department Awards – Middle & Secondary



Modern Languages:

High percentage of achievement (not necessarily the highest for second language courses)

Outstanding effort and exemplary oral participation

Passion for learning a second language

Consistently positive attitude and willingness to take risks in order to progress

A leader with classmates; supportive of peers – an inspiration to classmates

Special consideration for those students who study both French and Spanish

Music

We look for someone in Music who excels and shows great promise.

This person is usually involved in many ensembles but not always.

They need to impress us with their musical ability, excellent work ethic and dedication.

Drama

Top Drama awards are awarded based on a high level of performance both in class and extra- curricular productions.

Art

We look for someone who excels at Art in a variety of media. They are often the student with the highest mark, though not always. Students should show a willingness to challenge boundaries of assignments and get involved in art opportunities beyond the classroom. Preference is given to students who take more than one art class in the current school year. This may include Peer Tutoring and/or Fine Arts Work Experience.

Department Awards – Secondary



Secondary English

The Top English Student award recognizes that student whose efforts and demonstrated abilities are superior. While overall course percentage is a consideration, a number of factors will go into determining the recipient. The selected student will have demonstrated excellence in both written and oral communication. His/her participation, conduct and effort in class will be exemplary. Further, this student will have solid skills in both expository and creative writing. Possessing a passion for literature, he/she may seek to broaden their exposure by further reading and study outside the program and possibly be seeking to continue their studies at the post-secondary level.

Secondary Science

The successful candidate will have completed:

Biology 11 or Chemistry 11 or Physics 11 And any two of:

Biology 12*

Physics 12*

Chemistry 12*

*based on school mark only

Secondary Mathematics Award

Highest Average Mark based on Calculus 12 and Pre-Calculus 12.

Where there are two equally qualified candidates, decision will be made based on other evenly applied data (eg. Pre-Calculus 11 mark, Math Competition marks, etc.)

Secondary students, at any grade level

Secondary Social Studies Award

The successful candidate will have completed:

Social Studies 11 (including provincial exam mark)

Including any two of:

BC First Nations Studies 12*

Geography 12

Law 12

Comparative Civilizations

History 12

* based on school mark only

The student with the highest overall percentage in the three courses will receive the award. Where two or more students have a similar academic achievement across the three courses, factors such as classroom participation and demonstrated critical thinking skills will be considered in the selection process.

Home Economics 12

Preference given to students who have demonstrated an interest in the field of Home Economics, either as a future career option or as a useful life skill, by taking Home Economics courses throughout their high school career. Preference is also given to students who take more than one Home Economics course in Family Studies, Foods, Textiles, and/or an Independent Study in Home Economics in their Grade 12 year. If no suitable candidates are found with two or more courses, then consideration will be given to an individual who takes one course. If no suitable Grade 12 candidates are available, a Gr. 11 student may be selected. The following criteria will also be used when selecting the award winner:

- Earns high marks in all courses
- Uses appropriate safety procedures consistently
- Applies conscientious and diligent effort
- Is a role model, helping others when able