

Announcing our Updated Academic Awards program!

In responding to feedback about Academic Awards and in an effort to keep our program current and in line with other high school Academic Award programs, SPHS is making changes to our Academic Awards program beginning with the Class of 2021.

Academic Awards (For Classes of 2021 and Beyond) - Beginning their sophomore year, students receive academic awards for consistently demonstrating academic excellence. Our new Academic Awards program will be conducted as listed below:

- All awards will be based on the student's Cumulative GPA each year (beginning with Freshman year).
- Sophomore students earning a 3.5 or above, will be awarded an Academic chenille letter.
- Junior students earning a 3.5 or above, will be awarded an Academic chenille letter if they have not already been awarded one. For Juniors who received their chenille letter previously, they will be awarded an Academic Excellence pin to place on their chenille letter.
- Senior students earning a 3.5 - 3.749 will receive an Academic chenille letter if they have not already been awarded one. For Seniors who received their chenille letter previously, they will be awarded a Bar pin to place on their chenille letter.
- Senior students earning a 3.75 or above will receive an Academic chenille letter if they have not already been awarded one. All senior students who earn a 3.75 or above will receive a Star pin to place on their chenille letter.

A ceremony is held for students and their families to honor student academic accomplishments. Because the ceremony is in April, the cumulative GPA as of the end of first semester is the GPA used to determine the award. Second semester of senior year is not taken into consideration for awards.

Academic Awards (For Classes of 2019 and 2020) - Beginning their sophomore year, students receive academic awards for consistently demonstrating academic excellence. (Actual point accumulation begins with freshman-year grade point averages.) The award levels and earning of points is explained below. Students may earn one award at each level and be recognized during their sophomore (previous to Class of 2021), junior, and senior year. A ceremony is held for students and their families to honor student academic accomplishments. Because the ceremony is in April, the GPA for second semester will not be included in point totals until the following academic year. Second semester of senior year is not taken into consideration for awards.

<u>Academic Award System</u>		
<u>Level</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Point Accumulation</u>
1	Academic Pin	9
2	Chenille Letter	12
3	Third Level Plaque	18
4	Highest Academic Recognition Award	21

Points are awarded each semester as shown:

<u>Semester Grade Point Average</u>	<u>Points</u>
3.75-4.00	3
3.25-3.749	2
3.0-3.249	1