

IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL
2011-2012 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD REQUIREMENTS

TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS REQUIRED EACH YEAR – 40 POINTS

The Ipswich High School Distinguished Achievement Award is given in recognition of academic achievement, community and volunteer service, extracurricular activities and athletics. To receive the award, a minimum of forty points must be earned during the first three-quarters of the school year in accordance with the guidelines below. This is a voluntary award that requires a student to complete an application in the late winter of the school year. The first year, a bronze pin is awarded; the second year, a silver pin; the third year, a gold pin; and the fourth year, an engraved clock.

GUIDELINES FOR EARNING POINTS:

1. **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (15 POINTS REQUIRED):** An academic GPA of at least 3.0 earns **15 points**. A GPA of at least 3.5 earns **5 additional points**. A failing grade in any subject during any grading period will automatically disqualify a student.

The remaining **20-25 points** must be earned from at least two of the three remaining criteria categories as indicated below. At least **2 points** must be earned from the Extracurricular and School Service category.

2. **COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE (20 POINTS ACCEPTED):** Groups that meet at least once monthly or equivalent including membership in church groups, scouts, civic action groups, political action groups, volunteer work and others approved by the principal. – **5 points each individual group, organization or activity**. (Required Community Service not eligible)
3. **IHS EXTRACURRICULAR SCHOOL-BASED ACTIVITIES AND SCHOOL SERVICE :** (20 POINTS ACCEPTED) Math League, Book Club, Science Club, Student Government, Art Club, Interact, Drama (5 points per production), Regional or State Science Fair exhibitor, Mock Trial, Class Officer, Regional Student Advisory Council Representative, Amnesty International, Diversity Club, Model UN, TADA, School Council member, Non-Drama volunteer service in P.A.C. – **5 points each**. Also other clubs that meet at least once a month – **1-5 points each**. Yearbook editor – **10 points**. Girls' State, Boys' State, MassSTAR designees – **2 points**. Volunteer as student guide or student panel participant – **1 to 3 points**. National Honor Society member – **2 points**. Published work in the Chameleon – **1 point**. Outside recognition of student achievement – **2 points**.
4. **ATHLETICS (20 POINTS ACCEPTED):** IHS Interscholastic athletic team member – **10 points**. Team manager – **5 points**. Intramural sports – **5 points**.

Points are not cumulative from one school year to the next.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: Wednesday, February 15, 2012
(No applications will be accepted after this date)

Please return completed applications to the Main Office.

Presentation of awards to students will occur at the annual Honors Reception held in May 2012