

**FREEDOM**  
**ELEMENTARY**  
*Block F Award*



**An Introductory Guide for Earning the  
“EXEMPLARY TRAILBLAZER AWARD”**

CLOVIS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024-2025

## **OVERVIEW**

The Exemplary Trailblazer Award is the highest award a student may earn at Freedom Elementary. The **Block F Award** is available to fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students and is awarded at the end of the school year at an evening awards ceremony.

### **General Rules:**

- To count an activity, it must have occurred during that semester.
- Students must have completed the season or activity and be a member in good standing to get credit.
- Students must have completed the minimum number of items in each area to be eligible for the Block “F” award.
- Students who have been suspended from school will be eliminated for Block F.
- Teachers will verify the application form for accuracy prior to submission.

The purpose of this award is to recognize those well-rounded individuals who exemplify the qualities that Freedom hopes to foster in all of its students, namely: (1) the desire for self-improvement; (2) dedication and commitment in reaching for goals; (3) concern for and service to others; and (4) the willingness to be a positive role model to others. The word *EXEMPLARY*, in fact, means: (1) *deserving imitation*; (2) *servng as an example*; and (3) *worthy of being a model*.

It is our hope that all students will actively pursue this award, making it a part of their planning for their total school experience. Whether or not the student actually receives the award, striving for it will hopefully enrich and enhance their educational foundation.

In the sections that follow, specific guidelines and requirements governing the earning of points in each category are discussed. We encourage parents and teachers to work closely with students in planning and setting goals.

The criterion for earning this award reflects a broad base of participation, achievement, and service. In order to earn the Block F Award, a student must complete the required number of items in each of the following categories:

**Mind: 5 Points needed per semester.**

- Principal's Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, or Honor Roll (\*up to two points earned per semester).
- Perfect Attendance (\*1 point per quarter)
- Sparthenian Award
- Essay Contest (must be a CUSD contest)
- Science Olympiad (2<sup>nd</sup> semester only)
- Drama (2<sup>nd</sup> semester only)
- Oral Interpretation (2<sup>nd</sup> semester only)
- GATE
- Met Typical Growth Reading iReady
- Met Typical Growth Math iReady

**Body: 2 Points needed per semester (4<sup>th</sup> grade) & 3 points needed per semester (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

- Pep and Cheer (\*one point awarded each semester)
- Healthy Fitness Zone for Physical Fitness Testing (2<sup>nd</sup> semester only)
- Folklorico Dance
- Hmong Dance
- Team Manager (\*limited to one point per semester)
- One point per team participated on. Must complete the season with the team in accordance with the Athletic Code of Conduct.

**Semester 1:**

Football  
Girls' Volleyball  
Cross Country  
Basketball  
Wrestling

**Semester 2:**

Softball  
Baseball  
Boys' Volleyball  
Track  
Paddle Tennis

**Spirit: 3 Points needed per semester (4<sup>th</sup> grade) & 4 points needed per semester (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

- Ran For Student council
- Served as student council officer/classroom rep (entire term served)
- Choir/Band/Orchestra (\*must receive and "outstanding" on both quarter report cards)
- Lunch Helper or Clean-Up Crew (\*one full week served)
- Trailblazer Award
- Character Counts Award
- Participated in a CUSD art or poster contest

- Mac & Kids – Must attend both meetings during the semester
- Human Relations Council
- Carnival Volunteer (\*2<sup>nd</sup> semester only and must sign-in with GIS at conclusion of Carnival)

### Community Service or Outside Activity

Students may add one point to any category by completing 3 hours of community service **or** completing one outside of school activity during that semester. For community service, the attached form must be filled out and returned along with your completed application each semester. For outside activity, one bonus point per semester may be added to the category of your choice by completing an outside school activity (Ex: Piano, Dance, Karate, Soccer, etc.)



## Community Service Verification Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) Served: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to receive credit for the Service-Learning Section, students must volunteer at a community organization for a minimum of 3 hours during the semester. The list below is meant to be a guideline. The following examples below are examples of possible organizations:

- SPCA
- Poverello House
- Community Food Bank
- Children's Hospital

### SPONSOR CERTIFICATION

I certify that the individual named above volunteered for 3 hours during the 2024-2025 school year as a member of the organization indicated above and has actively participated in a consistent and acceptable manner. I recommend that s/he be granted credit for the Freedom Block F Award for Community Service. If you have any questions, you may contact me at this phone number \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date