

COMMENDATIONS AND AWARDS

The Monterey County Board of Education (County Board) may publicly recognize and commend parents/guardians, community members, businesses, organizations, school districts, individual schools or students who have rendered laudatory service or support or who have made a significant impact in the field of public education or the cause of education.

If the potential recipient of the proposed resolution is a program, or a staff member, or are students of a school district, the Monterey County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) should extend the courtesy of discussing the proposed resolution with the pertinent administrators of the district involved.

Any County Board member, Monterey County Office of Education employee, parent/guardian, student, or community member may recommend an individual or organization for recognition by submitting the name of the individual or organization and a description of the outstanding contribution or service. Recommendations shall be submitted to the County Board President or the County Superintendent. The County Board shall use its discretion in approving such recommendations.

The County Board may provide recognition by presenting a letter of recognition, resolution, plaque, or other award at a public County Board meeting or may hold a reception or informal recognition activity. The County Board may also designate a day, week, or month for honored recognition of special employee groups or celebration of historic events.

Commendation of Juvenile Court Students

The County Board may also grant scholarships and monetary awards for achievement to students enrolled in juvenile court schools pursuant to Education Code 44015. Before making any financial awards, the County Board should consult legal counsel.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

- 1042 *County boards; authority*
- 1984 *County community schools, board of education deemed a school district*
- 35160 *Authority of governing boards*
- 35310-35319 *Scholarship and loan funds*
- 41032 *Acceptance of gifts, donations, bequests, and devises*
- 44015 *Awards to employees and students*
- 48645.2 *Administration and operation of juvenile court schools*

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

- Article 16 Section 6 Gifts of public funds*

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS
85 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 167 (1996)

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