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From Grade 9 to Grade 12, students earn course credits towards high school graduation. All students who meet the credit and program requirements set by Manitoba Education will be awarded a provincial high school diploma. To achieve Grade 12 standing and receive this diploma, a student must complete a minimum or 30 credits and fulfill graduation requirements in one of four recognized programs: English, French Immersion, Français, or Senior Years Technology.

A provincial mature student high school diploma is also available for students who complete eight credits and meet the program, as well as any other mature student requirements set by Manitoba Education.

Students registered in the Individualized Senior Years Program Designation are eligible for a Certificate of Completion.

Schools may allow former students, who completed most of their education in the Turtle River School Division but finished their final year or additional years at another institution, to participate in the graduation ceremonies with their peers, provided that they have met graduation requirements, Individual schools may also charge a graduation fee.

Graduation Award

The Turtle River School Division Board will sponsor an annual cash award of \$200 to each graduating student with an average of 80% or higher who receives the Governor General's Award. Additionally, the board will sponsor an annual cash award of \$100 for each graduating grade 12 student with an average of 80% or higher. A trustee of the division will present the award. Graduating students are eligible to receive only one of these awards and cannot receive both.

Student Awards and Scholarships

Turtle River School Division Board encourages the professional staff to establish criteria and procedures for presenting letters or other suitable awards to students for scholarships and distinguished service in any school activity.

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An approved awards program will receive financial support from the board, allocated at \$1.00 per student enrolled in the school.

Professional staff is authorized to review and approve or reject proposed trophies, prizes, scholarships, or other awards from non-school donors.

A variety of scholarships are offered to graduating students through universities/colleges and private organizations. For most scholarships there are three areas of focus:

- Outstanding academic achievement
- School activities and leadership
- Community volunteer activities

There are many scholarships, awards and bursaries available for high school students. Students are encouraged to meet with their guidance counsellor for more information on these scholarships. The process of searching out and applying for scholarships is time consuming, but worthwhile.

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