

# **BLOCK O**



Building CHAMPIONS for Life  
Award!

Roger S. Orazo Elementary School - Clovis Unified School District

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The Block O Award is the highest award offered to upper grade students at Oraze Elementary School. It presents a worthy challenge but is attainable. The recipients of this award truly exemplify our Oraze motto of being a 'Champion for Life'. In essence, the award follows hard work, participation, careful planning, and goal setting. All of which are ingredients of life-long learning and success.

This award has four main functions. First, it is a vehicle to motivate students to become active participants in the activities of their school. Second, it is a blueprint for students, parents, and teachers to use in encouraging and setting goals with children regarding their involvement in academics, school activities, and community service. Third, it is a means of defining and affirming responsible, well-rounded CHAMPIONS. Fourth, it is a significant form of recognition for students who have met the criteria for this award.

We want our students to be well-rounded. Our hope is that the Block O program will inspire students to try a variety of activities and sports and will help students to recognize important opportunities and discover new interests or hidden talents.

Good Luck!

Mrs. Snyder

## OVERVIEW

The Building CHAMPIONS for Life Block O Award is the highest award a student may earn at Oraze Elementary School.

The Block O award is available to fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students and is awarded to all recipients at our special Block O recognition program at the end of the year.

The criteria for earning this award reflect a broad, yet fair, base of participation, achievement and service. In order to earn the Block "O" award, a student must accrue at least the minimum points in each of the following areas:

MIND – Academic Achievement

BODY – Health and Fitness

SPIRIT – Service and Involvement

There are some opportunities to earn OPTIONAL points. Unlike the required categories, students are not required to earn points in these areas but can use them in lieu of points in the required categories to help the student meet the desired TOTAL points.

The purpose of this award is to recognize those well-rounded individuals who exemplify the qualities that Oraze Elementary School hopes to foster in all of our 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 and (5) having the heart of a CHAMPION!

The word CHAMPION, in fact, means (a) *superior* (b) *one who has the attributes of a winner*; (c) *dedicated to a cause*; (d) *one who pursues victory with honor*. Oraze Elementary strives to Build CHAMPIONS for Life in character development, citizenship, and leadership qualities in all students.

## General Guidelines

1. The student must complete the activity to receive the minimum number of points.
2. The student must receive the minimum number of points in each area to be eligible for Block O.
3. The Orazo Office will not accept the application for consideration without the teacher's signature.
4. Any student receiving a conduct referral requiring administrative intervention or being suspended from school will not be eligible to receive Block O for the semester of the incident.
5. Any student with 5+ tardies or 2+ unexcused absences during each semester will not be eligible for Block O.
6. Final consideration for Block O is processed through Orazo Administration.
7. No late submittal for the Block O Award will be accepted—all Block O applications are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>.—LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED

## MIND – Academic Achievements Requirements

Students must receive 16 points on the Block O Application in order to be eligible for the Block O Award:

Academic Achievement (Mind)	Pts. possible
Principal's Honor Roll	12
High Honor Roll	10
Honor Roll	8
Essay Contest (1 pt. each)	4
Academic Club (2 per semester)	4
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Total Points (must receive min of 16 pts)	16

\*total points per year\*--No C's or below

## BODY – Athletics

Students must receive 10 points (4<sup>th</sup> grade) or 12 points (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade) on the Block O Application in order to be eligible for the Block O Award:

. Students must complete the sport from start to finish – quitting the sport at any time during the duration of the activity will not count for participation credit.

During the First Semester, students may participate in the following athletic activities:

- Cross Country (Grades 4,5,6)
- Pep/Cheer (Grades 4,5,6)\*\*
- Intramurals (Grades 4,5,6)
- Wrestling (Grades 4,5,6)\*\*\*
- Boys or Girls Basketball (Grades 5,6)\*\*\*
- Football (Grades 5,6)
- Girls Volleyball (Grades 5,6)

\*\*Students participating in Orazo Pep/Cheer Program earn credits during BOTH semesters, provided they remain on the squad in good standing throughout the entire school year. Because this is a year-round sport, students may elect to receive credit each semester.

\*\*\*Because the Boys and Girls Basketball and Wrestling seasons fall in BOTH the First and Second Semesters, students have the option to choose to earn Block O credits in either the First or Second Semester – but not in both semesters. This allows a student ample opportunity to participate in a sport as well as other school activities.

During the Second Semester, students may participate in the following athletic activities:

- Girls Softball (Grades 5,6)
- Boys Baseball (Grades 5,6)
- Intramurals (Grades 4,5,6)
- Track and Field (Grades 4,5,6)
- Boys Volleyball (Grades 5,6)
- Paddle Tennis (Grades 5,6)
- Pep and Cheer (Grades 4,5,6)\*\*
- Boys or Girls Basketball (Grades 5,6)\*\*\*

- Wrestling (Grades 4,5,6) \*\*\*
  - Healthy Fitness Zone Physical Fitness Testing
- (See above notations for \*\*\* and \*\* categories)

Intramurals are offered each semester during a 7-week window of time, to be determined by Oraze's Intramural Advisors. Intramurals are held during 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade lunch recess (Events are subject to change due to weather/air quality).

Healthy Fitness Zone is achieved by a student meeting the age-appropriate norms on Physical Fitness Testing. Students prepare for Fitness Testing during their regular Physical Education classes, held during the regular school day. Oraze students are tested in March and April/Second Semester. Students meeting or exceeding the State of California P.E. requirements in Distance Run, Sit and Reach, Curl Up, Trunk Lift, and Pull Up for their age-level qualify for the Healthy Fitness Zone. Students not meeting these requirements do not qualify for this credit.

## SPIRIT – Service and Involvement

Students must earn a total of 18 points in the areas of Service and Involvement listed on the Block O Application. Students must complete the activity from start to finish – quitting the activity at any time during the duration of the activity will not count.

Students may participate and earn credits for the following activities/events:

- Student Council (elected officer and classroom representative) (Grades 4,5,6)
- Human Relations Council (recommended by teacher to participate in Oraze's multicultural student voice) (Grades 4,5,6)
- Recorders (4<sup>th</sup>)
- Band/Orchestra (Grades 5,6)
- Festival Choir (Grades 5,6)
- School Art Contests (2 minimum per semester) (Grades 4,5,6)
- Oraze School Service (Peer Advisors, Cross Age Tutors, Reading Buddy, etc.) (Grades 4,5,6)
- Other Oraze Programs/Activities (Grades 4,5,6)
- Drama (Grades 4,5,6) Performance in Spring
- Oral Interpretation (Grades 4,5,6) \*\*\*

Students elected to a Student Council Office and students selected as a Classroom Representative can receive credit in this area. Student Council Elections are held in September of each school year. Students that run for an office but are not elected can only earn 1 pt. in this area.

Human Relations Council Members are recommended by the classroom teacher. Students on this council work to promote cultural diversity for all students at Oraze Elementary School as well as in the Clovis East Area. Meetings are held bi-weekly at Oraze.

Band, Orchestra and Choir students must remain in good standing throughout the entire school year. Students are eligible to receive credit in these activities based on attendance, practice, attitude and participation in all concerts/shows/performances.

Oral Interpretation team members may earn Block O credit by being on the Oraze Oral Interp Competition Team. Consistent attendance at all OI practices, preparation and attendance at CUSD Oral Interpretation Festival is required to earn credit in this area.

Drama is available for all 4, 5, and 6 grade students. Students may receive credit by actively participating in all practices and attendance at Oraze's annual Drama Production. Equal credit is given to students who are Drama Chorus members, actors/actresses, or stage crew in the production. Oraze's Drama Production takes place in the spring of each school year, or as selected by the director. Your child's classroom teacher will advise students on the Drama schedule in early spring.

Essay/Art Contests are available each semester from the Classroom Teacher. Topics are often generated by local Safety Agencies, or as assigned by the classroom teacher. Students must submit their high-quality essays and art projects to the designated agencies.

Oraze School Service can vary from one year/semester to the next. Students qualify to receive credit each semester for serving in the ONE of the following areas: 5 duty days of Cafeteria Service (server/table washer/tray stacker) – completion tickets given by cafeteria or administration; 5 duty days of Campus Beautification - completion tickets given by cafeteria or administration; Peer/Cross-Age Tutoring (determined by classroom teacher); volunteering at Mac N Kids events, any other School Service effort, agreed to and verified by classroom teacher and Oraze Administration.

Other Oraze Programs/Activities can vary from one school year to the next. Please see your child's teacher to determine if he/she has participated in another Oraze Program/Activity or is planning to participate in another Oraze Program. Oraze Faculty and Administration determine validity of the category.

\*\*\*Students have the option to choose to earn Block O credits for Boys and Girls Basketball, Wrestling, or Oral Interp. in either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, but not in both.

# CERTIFICATION OF BLOCK 'O' AWARD RECIPIENTS

## STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY – STEP ONE

1. All students in grades 4-6 will complete and maintain the Block "O" worksheet/application throughout the school year.
2. Each student will complete appropriate forms and gather signatures as required prior to due date.
3. Each student will turn in his/her completed application form and written or typed essay to their classroom teacher by the required due date.

## TEACHER'S RESPONSIBILITY – STEP TWO

1. The classroom teacher/advisor/coach will monitor and review the completed form with all students on a quarterly basis.
2. The teacher will review the student's individual Block "O" progress and goals on a periodic basis.
3. The teacher will review their class' Block "O" progress and goals on a periodic basis.
4. The teacher will submit the forms of those who have met the criteria for the Building CHAMPIONS For Life Block "O" Award to the Block "O" Certification Committee.
5. Students whose forms are submitted to the certification committee are then considered CANDIDATES for the award.

## BLOCK "O" CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE – STEP THREE

1. The committee will consist of the principal, G.I.S, grade level leaders for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and the Registrar.
2. The committee will review the forms of all candidates in order to verify accuracy and, more importantly, to ensure consistency in interpretation among the classrooms.
3. The committee will consider all matters where credit may be in dispute and make the final decision of qualification.
4. The committee will certify and announce the Building CHAMPIONS For Life Block "O" Award Winners, inform parents, and schedule the Block "O" Awards Celebration.

"Be the best you can be in Mind, Body, and Spirit"