

PIQUA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION BYLAWS

SECTION I NAME

This committee shall be known as the Piqua City School District Alumni of Distinction Committee.

SECTION II PURPOSE

~ “Honoring the past to inspire the future.”

The purpose of this committee will be to recognize and honor individuals whom through their achievements, inspire present-day K-12 Piqua students to establish goals for their future. The Piqua City School District Alumni of Distinction honorees will reinforce and enhance a positive image of the Piqua City Schools both inside and outside the district, as this committee strives to foster an increased sense of pride among students, faculty, staff, alumni, and residents of our community.

SECTION III CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF FORMER PIQUA STUDENTS

Unless there are unusual circumstances, a nominee shall be a graduate of Piqua High School or have attended at least two years of high school at Piqua High School. Graduates who attended schools that subsequently became part of the Piqua City School District may also be considered for induction.

A period of ten (10) years must have elapsed between graduation and eligibility to be honored with the Piqua City School District Alumni of Distinction Award. Recipients shall be selected based on any or all of the following criteria:

1. Significant achievement while a student in the Piqua City Schools or after graduation
2. Outstanding achievement in vocational pursuits
3. Outstanding contributions in community and/or governmental affairs
4. Meritorious recognition for some action taken or provided
5. Significant philanthropic involvement
6. Other criteria, which may be brought before the committee internally or externally and agreed upon by the current standing committee

SECTION IV THE HALL OF HONOR COMMITTEE

The Piqua City School District Alumni of Distinction Committee shall be composed of a minimum of eleven (11) members appointed by the Superintendent of the Piqua City School District from the groups that follow. Recommendations by the committee are welcomed.

1. Current Superintendent of Piqua City School District

2. Current Board of Education member
3. A Current Piqua City School District Principal
4. Other Current Piqua City Schools District staff members
5. A current member of the senior class
 - A class officer is preferred if possible
6. Alumni Members (6)
 - At least one Hall of Fame member if possible

TERMS

1. The committee shall be designated by the Superintendent in May of each year.
2. Committee members may continue up to a maximum single term of three (3) years.
3. No member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.
4. Additional terms of service on the committee may be added after a three-year break of committee membership.
5. Whenever a vacancy occurs, the Superintendent shall appoint a person to fill that vacancy. Recommendations by the committee are welcomed.
6. Terms shall be staggered to ensure continuity and will end on June 30 of the third year.
 - a. In the case of a person filling an unexpired term, that person's term will expire at the end of the original three-year term.

SECTION V NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Nomination forms will be available on the Piqua City School's Alumni page on the District website:

<https://www.piqua.org/Alumni.aspx>

Completed forms can be mailed to the Superintendent or hand delivered to: 215 Looney Rd, Piqua, Ohio 45356.

The deadline for submissions is May 31st, 4:00 p.m. Any nominations received after this deadline will be considered the following year.

SECTION VI REMOVAL OF AN ALUMNI WITH DISTINCTION HONOREE

The committee reserves the right to remove an honoree with a two-thirds vote by the committee members. Removal is a serious action that will only be considered in extreme cases of flagrant conduct that reflects poorly on the Piqua City School District and/or community at large.

SECTION VII AMENDMENT OF THE ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION BYLAWS

Amendments to these bylaws shall be made by a two-thirds vote of the current Alumni of Distinction Committee.

SECTION VIII RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION COMMITTEE

It shall be the responsibility of the Alumni of Distinction Committee to meet as often as is necessary to screen nominees, determine the final selections, and notify the Superintendent of final nominees by January 1st of each year.

The process shall be:

1. In order to conduct any business, 75% (8) of the committee members must be present.
2. After the nomination deadline, the committee will hold an initial screening meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to review credentials of nominees in accordance with Section III. Any nominee who does not meet the selection criteria are not considered eligible and will be eliminated from all consideration at that point.
3. The annual inductee selection process shall consist of the following steps.
 - The committee will select a Committee Chair Person.
 - Each committee member will rank the nominations with a one (1) being the most deserving up to the number of nominations received.
 - The Committee Chair, along with a witness selected by the committee, will tally up the scores with the lowest totals being the most deserving.
 - The four nominees with the lowest totals will then be subjected to a vote of the committee with a 75% 'yes' vote to be inducted.
 - The committee may choose and induct more than four nominees with a 75% 'yes' vote to do so.
 - Any nominee not inducted will be carried over to the next year for a maximum of three (3) years of consideration. The committee can overrule this and continue to carry over a nominee with a 75% 'yes' vote.

- If there is a tie, the committee may choose to induct both candidates with a 75% 'yes' vote to do so or the committee will follow the same voting process with only the candidates involved with the tie. Each committee member will rank the tied candidates with a one (1) being the most deserving up to the number of candidates. The final selection will be the candidate with the lowest total.

- Because there may be intense discussion regarding the selection of honorees, committee members must be able to participate in the entire discussion prior to voting. No 'absentee ballots/votes' will be accepted.

- All information shall be kept confidential.

4. Notify inductees (or nearest family member if deceased) to confirm acceptance in the Piqua City School District Alumni of Distinction.

5. Inductees will be notified as soon as possible.

6. It is the responsibility of the committee to conduct the annual induction ceremony.

SECTION IX INDUCTION RESPONSIBILITIES

It shall be the responsibility of the Alumni of Distinction Committee to:

1. Plan the entire induction program.

2. Set the date of the program, preferably in September of each year.

3. Identify a location for the ceremony.

4. Notify and invite the honorees.

5. Determine the type of awards to be given and a suitable location to highlight the honorees in our schools for students to see.

6. Carry out those other activities deemed necessary to promote and fund the Alumni of Distinction committee work.