

Block G

The Block G program is a way to recognize students who consistently show a high level of school spirit through academic success, representing Graham in athletic and academic competition, and providing volunteer service to the Graham community.

Students accumulate points by participating successfully in school related activities. When 8 points have been accumulated, the Block G letter is awarded.

As students continue to excel as members of the Graham community, a star is awarded for each additional 8 points. The stars are displayed on the Block G letter.

How to earn Block G:

You are awarded 1 point for each of these activities:

- Each after school **sports** or **academic team** involving substantial preparation and participation in a competition where students represent Graham. Special activities or other enrichment offerings where students do not represent Graham are not included.
- Each Trimester of active participation in **Zero Period** classes
- The officers of **Student Council** (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Class Presidents.) 1st period representatives do not receive Block G credit.
- Performing in or serving as tech crew for a school **stage performance**.

You are awarded points for reaching GOAL (academics/ behavior/ attendance):

- 4.0 GPA will equal 2 points
- 3.0 - 3.9 GPA will equal 1.5 points
- 2.0 - 2.9 GPA will equal 1 point

Volunteer service work that supports Graham is awarded 1 point for every 16 hours of service. Example activities include serving in the ball room, helping with food service, assisting in the library, participating in beautification day, helping teachers outside of class time, formal peer tutoring, assisting with assembling the *Bear Tracks*, participating in school-sponsored events such as reading at the Mountain View Library, babysitting at school-sponsored parent meetings, and providing assistance at schools in the Mountain-View Whisman District (such as during walk-a-thons.) Community service not directly connected to Graham is still encouraged, but it does not count towards Block G.

To receive credit for volunteer service time, students need to submit the volunteer service time form. If it's not on the back of this memo, you can find it on the school web site or at the office. Turn in the completed form at the school office.

If you volunteer at a group event, the organizers will usually provide a sign-in sheet so each person does not need to do a form. It won't hurt to remind the organizers to be sure to turn in the sign-in sheet!

In either case, please be sure to clearly write your name the same way it appears in the official school records so your service gets properly credited.

If you have questions about the Block G program, please check the web site for additional information, or contact the Graham Principal.

GO GRAHAM!