

Order of the Maple Leaf – Levels of Membership

Being a good citizen of Rothesay Park School:

Rothesay Park's Positive Learning Environment student award is the Order of the Maple Leaf (OML). It is loosely based on the Order of Canada which is accessible to every Canadian citizen and has progressive levels. The Order of the Maple Leaf is accessible to every student at Rothesay Park and it, too, has progressive levels. Unlike the Order of Canada, which is only awarded to select few prominent Canadian citizens, the Order of the Maple Leaf is awarded to every student who meets the necessary criteria and is deserving of the award.

Criteria:

To be eligible to receive the OML, students must be outstanding citizens of the school community and they must complete a required number of hours of community service.

- **Citizenship:** RPS students should strive to do their homework when and as assigned; to work diligently in class; to be co-operative with their teachers and their classmates; to be polite and courteous; and to have a deportment one might wish for and expect from a student in school.
- **Community Service:** Students at the grade six level must complete 2 hours of community service per term; Grade seven 3 hours per term, and grade eight 4 hours per term.
- **Participation in school life:** students need to be involved with band, sports, leadership, drama or minimum of 4 activity periods during the months of September to January, and 4 activity periods during the months of Feb. - May.

The Levels of Membership:

1st: "Member of the Order of the Maple Leaf"

The student receives their OML medallion and lanyard. First time recipients (gr. 7 and 8) are asked to stand together and be recognized by the principal/speaker.

2nd: Celebrate with group reinforcement activity scheduled once a year, after the winter OML ceremony. E.g. movie period, time outside on the commons (spring). Students receive their OML pin for the second, and all subsequent OML awards.

3rd: "Officer of the Order of the Maple Leaf"

In the spring, all student officers will have their names (first name and last initial) posted on the "officer's list" banner. This banner is housed in the RPS trophy area until the spring of the following school year.

4th: Celebrate hard work at the Principal's Lunch in June of each year.

5th: "Companion of the Order of the Maple Leaf"

Students who receive five OML awards will be invited to join the Companion Trip, a day-trip scheduled for June of the students' grade 8 year.

6th: Full Member of the Order of the Maple Leaf: acknowledged by the principal at the final OML ceremony (e.g. students stand and applaud) and a physical token (e.g. special certificate, custom button, etc.).

Tracking:

One tracking form is used during the student's three years at RPS. Forms are housed in a Raven Time (advisory) binder and reviewed with students during Raven Time, twice per term.

Transfer students:

If a student has no serious behaviour flags upon joining RPS, they will be awarded all missing OML awards up to the current grade/time of year IF they meet the criteria to obtain the current term's OML award and there is sufficient time left in that term to do so.