



RENAISSANCE OVERVIEW

Founded by Jostens and educators in 1988, Renaissance inspires the acceptance and excitement for academics that's traditionally reserved for athletics. Through Renaissance, Jostens aims to increase student performance and teacher enthusiasm, and to raise the level of community participation in schools. Renaissance also encourages the involvement of parents and local businesses.

- Renaissance focuses on and promotes: **Grades & Citizenship**
- There are **3 qualifying levels to Renaissance** (Gold, Silver, and Blue)
- Students that make Renaissance **each quarter** are celebrated.
- Students who qualify for Renaissance by semester get an end of each semester activity.



GOLD LEVEL

Academic Requirement: Student achieves a GPA of 3.51 - 4.0 for the quarter (w/ no D's or F's).

Citizenship Requirement: There will be 2 character traits per quarter; activities that demonstrate this trait will be completed by the student's team.

In addition, student must have no office referrals, ISS, OSS, bus referrals or bus suspensions for the grading period.

(**One** office referral, resulting in a detention, can be made up with Community Service once per **year**.)



SILVER LEVEL

Academic Requirement: Student achieves a GPA of 3.0 – 3.5 for the quarter. (w/ no D's or F's)

Citizenship Requirement: There will be 2 character traits per quarter; activities that demonstrate this trait will be completed by the student's team. In addition, student must have no office referrals, ISS, OSS, bus referrals or bus suspensions for the grading period.

(**One** office referral, resulting in a detention, can be made up with Community Service for the **year**.)



BLUE LEVEL

Academic Requirement: Student achieves a GPA of 2.5 – 2.99 for the quarter. (w/ no F's)

Citizenship Requirement: There will be 2 character traits per quarter; activities that demonstrate this trait will be completed by the student's team.

In addition, student must have no office referrals, ISS, OSS, bus referrals or bus suspensions for the grading period.

(**One** office referral, resulting in a detention, can be made up with Community Service once a **year**.)



- **1st Quarter** - *One Rockin' Renaissance T-shirt!* (A complimentary Renaissance t-shirt will be provided to qualifying students within any given school year.)
- **2nd Quarter** – *Day @ Main Event, or double Movie at local theater* **Quarter celebration counts towards the end of the year celebration!
- **3rd Quarter** - *Ice Cream Social at lunch*
- **Renaissance Certificate** displaying the student's qualifying level each quarter will be on display in the halls at New Mark.
- **End of the Year Celebration** for students to made Renaissance all 4 quarters! (Activity to be determined by the student committee)

RENAISSANCE END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION REQUIREMENTS

Academic Requirements:

- Students must make Gold, Silver, or Blue, the first 3 grading periods and the 4th quarter mid-term report.

Citizenship Requirements:

- Students must have fulfilled the citizenship requirement demonstrating outstanding character in every trait that is focused on throughout the year.
 - 1st Quarter: Initiative and Positive Mental Attitude
 - 2nd Quarter: Integrity and Compassion
 - 3^d Quarter: Respect and Perseverance
 - 4th Quarter: Cooperation
- One office or bus referral, resulting in a detention, may be “worked off” with 6 hours of community service for the year.
- Community service for the detention is due on the last day of the quarter the detention was received.
- ISS, OSS, and bus suspensions CANNOT be made up with Community Service at any time.

General Guidelines:

- A Community Service application can be found in the planner. Extra forms can be found in the office.
- Any ISS, OSS, or bus suspension throughout the year will invalidate End of the Year Celebration privileges.
 - Students must either make Gold, Silver, Blue, or White EACH of the 3 grading periods and the 4th quarter progress report.

Grading Periods:

1st Quarter Ending: October
3rd Quarter Ending: March

2nd Quarter Ending: December
4th Quarter Ending: April

RENAISSANCE COMMUNITY SERVICE

What is Community Service?

An unpaid service that is performed by an individual or organization to benefit New Mark and the surrounding community.

Examples of Community Service you can do:

- New Mark Care Center
- Animal Shelter
- Soup Kitchen
- Harvesters
- Local Churches
- Highway Cleanup
- Teacher's Aide (before/after school)
- Organize Mix It Up, other school activities/programs etc.
- Tutor
- Volunteer at an elementary school
- Tape reading books for hospitalized children
- Child care during school events
- Elementary functions (i.e. school carnival, dances)
- Make items (i.e. flashcards) for surrounding day cares

For questions please see your grade level administrator.

*****All community service hours must be completed and turned in two days before the end of the quarter in which it is applied.***

*****Students must bank community service hours by completing hours and turning it into an Administrator to be used later in the year, if needed.***