

Academic Focus Award Information

The Academic Focus program was created to encourage students to specialize in specific content areas, and reward them for their accomplishments. Each Focus Award will have academic, subject specific, and a writing requirements. Students may also be required to participate in extracurricular groups, clubs, and activities.

There are no limits to how many Focus Awards students may earn. Applications cannot be submitted until senior year and are due the 1st Friday in April. It will be the responsibility of the student to fill out the application and keep track of records and participation.

Recognition and Benefits:

- The student will receive an Enhanced Diploma in each qualifying area.
- The student will wear a designated cord for graduation in each qualifying area.
- The student will be acknowledged in the graduation program.
- The student will receive special recognition at Senior Awards Night.
- Students who complete the activities that correspond to the focus awards will be better prepared to represent Providence Hall in the Sterling Scholar program.

Behavioral Science Focus Application

Students Name (print): _____

Students Email: _____

Application Requirements

- Student will earn a B average in **ALL** of the following courses:
 - .5 Credit: Sociology
 - .5 Credit: Psychology
 - OR
 - IB Psychology SL or HL
- Student will choose **one** of the following projects (cannot be a class assignment): *12-page IB Psychology Internal Assessment Essay waives this requirement, if turned in on time*
 - Psychology or Sociology Yearbook: pick a year, research and write articles about the significant things that happened that year. Include at least 6 different articles (100 words each) & pictures about major psychological or sociological figures, major findings and new research.
 - Psychology or Sociology Magazine: create one edition of a psychology or sociology magazine. Include 5 articles (75 words each) of interest to young people. Create ads with a psychological or sociological theme (3).
 - The Debate: research and prepare to discuss both sides of a controversial psychological or sociological issue of your choice. Your product will include written arguments for both sides and a bibliography (1000 words).
- Student will write a 1 ½ to 2-page paper that includes **BOTH** of the following:
 - **Explain** how the requirements of the Behavioral Science Focus has influenced their ability to THINK and COMMUNICATE.
 - **Analyze** how the requirements of the Behavioral Science Focus has impacted their ACTIONS.

Application Directions

Check-Off When Complete	Complete Each of the Following Academic Focus Application Tasks
	Step 1: Print a copy of your high school transcript and highlight all the required courses and grades for this focus award. If you don't have a B average in ALL of the required courses you cannot earn the Academic Focus award in this subject.
	Step 2: Staple your highlighted high school transcript to this application.
	Step 3: Staple your project to this application. IB students staple a note from Ms. Thompson indicating your IA was turned in on time and was complete.
	Step 4: Staple your THINK, COMMUNICATE, and ACT essay to this application.
	Step 5: Pay the \$5.00 cord fee to the front office and attach the receipt to this application.
	Step 6: Turn in this application to the front office or Ms. McPhail by the 1stFriday in April.