



RVGS DETERMINED SCHOLARS

The *RVGS Determined Scholar* award recognizes students who strive for excellence with a growth mindset and stretch themselves to achieve meaningful Goals.

Students recognized as *RVGS Determined Scholars* are awarded with a pin and enshrinement in a public list of recipients. This selective and carefully vetted honor is appropriate for inclusion in resumes, applications, and personal statement essays.

AWARD CRITERIA

- Significant progress or completion of RVGS Determined goal
- Notable academic improvement or deepened excellence as a result of following action steps and pursuing goals
- Ability to show clear action steps that have been taken to achieve goal such as consistent check marks on goal sheet, effort in goal reflection, and/or improvement in a class

NOMINATION PROCESS

1. Students can nominate himself/herself or another student. Teachers, guidance counselor, or director may also nominate a student.
2. Preliminary nominations are reviewed and vetted to generate a select list of candidates who move on to the next step.
3. Students who do not advance remain eligible to be re-nominated if they continue to meet the award criteria.
4. Honorees are not eligible to be re-nominated in the same school year they receive the award.

AWARD SELECTION

1. Candidates interview with a teacher, guidance counselor or director.
2. Candidates bring their RVGS Determined goal sheet to the interview, along with any other supporting documentation of the achievements they are being nominated for (before/after grades, work samples, notebook samples, etc).
3. The interview process is not a formality and students are not guaranteed success after the first interview.
4. The interviewing staff members have the option to suggest follow-up actions to satisfy award expectations. Upon completion of these suggestions, the student can be awarded their pin without re-starting the nomination process.

PIN CEREMONY

Students will be recognized during the announcements and will report to the office. Students will receive their pin and a group picture will be taken. Pin ceremonies will occur monthly.