



Renaissance Program Rules

Nationwide Renaissance Foundation

Renaissance was developed in 1984 by Larry Biddle 1984 at Conway High School in South Carolina and has been implemented in over 1,800 schools across the nation. Renaissance is a partnership between business and education which brings ideas and people together to find ways for our children to experience the true joy of learning and to recognize educators as dedicated and valued professionals.

Results have been positive and many schools report improvements in school climate, attendance, student discipline, as well as a reduction of juvenile crimes in school and community. Renaissance is not so much a program as it is an attitude to excel to do well in school, and to have pride in one's overall accomplishments.

In 1992 lao Intermediate School Educational Foundation was established then renamed as lao School Renaissance Foundation

The mission of the lao school Renaissance Foundation is to help the school promote excellence and contribution to their community, state and nation.

The purpose of the academic program is to equip our student with knowledge, skills, attitudes and values they need to make responsible decisions to their own lives. Education should result in individual self-fulfillment as well as in enabling students to contribute to their community, state and nation. Our goal is to instill pride, to strengthen basic skills and to inspire a positive attitude toward learning and excelling which should carry over into their adult lives. Our students are the future of our community.

lao School implemented the concepts of Renaissance to promote academic excellence in our students. The school will focus on four on major areas to begin the process of self-improvement.

Goal 1: To have students improve their grade point average (GPA)

Goal 2: To improve school attendance to 95%

Goal 3: To reduce disciplinary referral by 15%

Goal 4: To promote community service of our students

The lao School Renaissance Foundation partners with businesses in our community, lao School teachers and staff members, and community volunteers to recognize students for their academic and community service accomplishments by providing positive incentives and awards to encourage students to strive for greater levels of academic achievement.

Renaissance Program Eligibility – Per Quarter

Students of Lao School may participate in the Renaissance programs and incentives by meeting all eligibility requirements each quarter.

1. Volunteer a minimum of 3 hours of community or school service each quarter

Voluntary service to community or school examples:

- Volunteer work for a valid non-profit organization that supports our local community
- Maui Food Bank
- Beach clean up
- Serving at a homeless shelter facility or church
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts service projects
- 4-H service projects, etc.
- Students may also ask a teacher or staff member for school service credit.

Examples of non-eligible community service

- Help renovating or remodeling your home
- Babysitting your family members
- Recycling
- Walking your dogs
- Cleaning your yard
- Helping at your family business
- If you're getting paid to helping (it's not considered community service)

2. Support our annual fundraising efforts

The Lao School Renaissance Foundation is an independent non-profit 501 C (3) foundation that does not receive state or federal money. To support our quarterly incentive, banquet and award & scholarship programs an annual fundraiser campaign is held for students and volunteer board members.

3. No "D"s or "F"s on your final quarter report card, maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA

- **Gold Status:** Grade Point Average 3.8 to 4.0
- **Maroon Status:** Grade Point Average 3.0 to 3.7
- **White Status:** Grade Point Average 2.0 to 2.9

4. Stay out of the Principal or Vice-Principal office – Be Respectful to all Teachers and Staff Members

- No Class A offences
- No Class B offences
- No Class C offences
- No Suspension, Detention, or Warnings

Renaissance Incentive Programs

- Quarterly excursions, incentives and/or activities for qualifying students.
- Renaissance t-shirts for qualifying students who meet the minimum requirements in the annual Renaissance fundraising program.
- V.I.P. Lounge Pass– Cell Phones are allowed while having lunch, snacks, games and prizes in a special designated area during Renaissance Week only.
 - **Gold Status:** 5 days entry pass
 - **Maroon Status:** 3 days entry pass
 - **White Status:** 2 days entry pass

Renaissance Awards and Recognition

1. The following awards are presented annually to students who have met eligibility requirements:
 - **Platinum Awards:** 3 years of Gold
 - **Diamond Awards:** 3 quarters of Gold in present school year
 - **Gold Awards:** 2 quarters of Gold in present school year
 - **Silver Awards:** 1 quarter Gold and 1 quarter of Maroon or 2 quarters White in present school year.
 - **Bronze Awards:** 1 quarter Gold and 1 quarter White, or 1 quarter Maroon and 1 quarter White, or 2 quarters of White in present school year.
 - **Medallion Award:** 1 quarter Gold, or 1 quarter Maroon, or 1 quarter White in present school year.
2. **Scholarship Program.** The Lao School Renaissance Foundation also supports a scholarship program in the subject areas of Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, PE/Health, Fine Arts and Vocational Technology (VO/TECH). Three scholarships in each subject area are awarded for each grade level (6th, 7th and 8th). To be eligible, students must have recommendations from a minimum of two (2) teachers, one of whom must be from the subject area in which they are applying, and the students must have met the minimum requirements set in the annual Renaissance fundraising program.
3. **Outstanding Academic Student Award.** One (1) Male and one (1) Female are selected each year based on a combination of academic achievement and community service.
4. **Masao Okasako Award.** The Lao School Renaissance Foundation also oversees this award which is supported by a donation from the family of the Masao Okasako, a former principal of Lao School. In his memory, his widow, Mrs. Michiko Okasako and the executors of his trust established the award to recognize students who exemplify service to their school and community.

How do I get started?

1. **Renaissance Membership:** Students will be able to sign up at all registration days. A Google Online Membership form will also be emailed to all students to their Lao School email. Fill out form with and parent and submit week of 8/14 to 8/18.
2. **Community Service hours:** Towards the end of each quarter, an online Google form will be emailed to all students to fill out their hours with the help and approval from a parent/guardian. Hours will be due at the end of each quarter, see dates below.
3. Dates to remember for school year 2023-2024.
 - **1st Quarter deadline: October 5, 2023**
 - **2nd Quarter deadline: December 21, 2023**
 - **3rd Quarter deadline: March 15, 2024**
 - **4th Quarter deadline: May 30, 2024***

*This reward will be distributed at the beginning of the following school year 2024-2025.

“Be The Best You Can Be!”