

The Shark Recognition Committee at Tarkanian Middle School strives to recognize students with outstanding academic achievement and behavior. All academic awards are given based upon grades recorded in the Infinite Campus grading system. Individual teacher awards are given at the discretion of staff.

- All O Citizenship – Students who receive All O’s in citizenship on their Quarter 1, Quarter 2, and/or Quarter 3 report cards receive an ice cream sandwich at lunch for each quarter the award was received.
- A/B Report Card Grades- Students who receive any combination of A’s and B’s on their Quarter 1, Quarter 2, and/or Quarter 3 report cards receive a sweet treat (example Starburst, M&M’s) at lunch for each quarter the award was received.
- All A Report Card Grades - Students who receive All A’s on their Quarter 1, Quarter 2, and/or Quarter 3 report cards attend a luncheon (example sub sandwiches, bar- b- que) at lunch for each quarter the award was received.
- Super Shark – One student per staff member is chosen each month. Students are chosen at the discretion of each staff member. Students may be recognized for grades, citizenship, improvement, etc.
- Awards Night – Tarkanian Middle School holds an end of the school year awards ceremony. Awards given during the annual ceremony include:
  - • The Presidential Award for Academic Excellence – given to 8th grade students with a 3.75 cumulative GPA or higher and All O’s in Citizenship in their 8th grade year.
  - • Grade Level Department Awards – Each teacher chooses one student at their discretion to receive the award for their content area. These awards apply to Grades 6-8.
  - • Spelling Bee – given to the winner of the Tarkanian Grade Level Spelling Bee. This award applies to Grades 6-8. •
  - All A’s All Year – given to students who maintain All A’s on the Quarter 1, Quarter 2, Semester 1, and Quarter 3 report cards. •
  - 4.0 Cumulative GPA – given to 8th Grade students who have maintained All A’s on their semester report cards in grades 6, 7, and 8. •
  - 8th Grade Most Improved Student – this award is given to an 8th grade student chosen at the discretion of the grade level counselor. •
  - 8th Grade Standout Student – this award is given to an 8th grade student chosen at the discretion of the grade level counselor. •
  - Principal’s Award – these three awards are given to one 6th grade, one 7th grade, and one 8th grade student each chosen at the discretion of the principal. •
  - Tarkanian Scholarship Award – this award is available to all 8th grade students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater with All O’s in citizenship for their 8th grade year. Eligible students go through a selection process that includes an application, essay, and speech. The winner is chosen by the Shark Recognition Committee.