

BOARD POLICY

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STUDENTS

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LETTER JACKETS, LETTER AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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It shall be the policy of the school district to give appropriate recognition to pupils for progress and/or attainment in all areas of classroom scholastic endeavor as well as in areas of the school's co-curriculum and extracurricular activities.

The recognition should be as closely related as possible to the nature of the achievement and should be assessed by school administration.

Letter Jackets

Letter jackets (also known as varsity jackets) are a means to recognize and celebrate academic, activity, and/or athletic achievements, and awarded to high school students who excelled in these areas.

Letter Awards

Students may be awarded letters in academic, activity, and/or athletic achievements. An awarded letter shall be placed on the left front panel of the letter jacket. Each club activity sponsor, club athletics team coach, and Board of Education approved athletic team coach will inform student members of the requirements and standards for earning a letter award in the respective area. Letters given by the school will be awarded to students who have met the established criteria. The method of presenting letters awards will be at the discretion of each school.

A student athlete on a Board of Education approved athletic team or club athletic team who completes three full seasons of athletic experience in a particular sport but does not qualify for an athletic letter in any of those three seasons will be granted an athletic letter at the end of the third season. The awarding of an athletic letter in this manner is intended to recognize those student athletes who regularly attend practice and participate in team activities, but whose skills and abilities may not earn the athletic letter based solely on the criteria of the coach.