



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: June 11, 2024

TITLE: Study of Proposed Varsity Letter Policy

BACKGROUND:

The awarding of a varsity letter has historically been a culminating experience coveted by high school athletes, representing a validation and recognition of the time, commitment, and energy student-athletes dedicate to their sport, team, and school. As such, Amphitheater Public Schools recognizes the importance of establishing a clear, consistent, and equitable policy to ensure student-athletes understand how and when they qualify for a varsity letter.

Recognizing the importance of establishing an equitable method used for awarding of varsity letters, a District Varsity Letter Committee was convened to survey and review athletic coaching practices/procedures used in awarding varsity letters to athletes. The committee was comprised of a coaching representative from each high school and from each athletic season (Fall, Winter, and Spring).

Throughout Spring 2024, the committee collaborated on the development of a policy that would establish a consistent, equitable policy that coaches would adhere to while determining when a student-athlete would qualify for a varsity letter, what additional factors could be considered in determination of awarding of a varsity letter, what factors would not be considered, and what factors could result in disqualification from awarding of a varsity letter.

In addition to the work the committee spent in crafting a policy, the committee discussed how and when coaches, parents, and student-athletes would receive the information. Once approved, coaches will receive the policy during the required pre-season coaches' meeting. Additionally, the policy will be included in the District's High School Athletic Packet.

The policy will be provided to student-athletes and their families prior to the start of each season, included in the coach's beginning of the season informational packet/meeting, and during the required pre-season parent meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

This Board item is presented to permit the Board to study and provide any direction concerning the proposed Varsity Letter Policy.

INITIATED BY:

Matthew Munger
Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education

Date: June 4, 2024

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent