

## **LETTER JACKET POLICY:**

The Tupelo Public School District recognizes and readily acknowledges that the nature of no two athletic sports is exactly the same. Therefore, the policies governing the awarding of a letter jacket may differ from one sport to another in order to account for and to fairly deal with those differences. Also, it is the policy of the Tupelo Public School District that an athlete may earn only one letter jacket during high school regardless of the number of sports in which he/she participates.

In order to earn a letter jacket in...

- **BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, BOWLING, CHEERLEADING, FOOTBALL, GOLF, POWERLIFTING, FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL, SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL, VOLLEYBALL:** An athlete must participate on the varsity level in more than one-third of the games/contest each year for two years and be at least a sophomore. A senior who is at least a two-year participant of these sports may also be considered for the earning of a letter jacket regardless of his/her playing status.
- **CROSS COUNTRY:** An athlete will receive a letter jacket if he/she: is a member of the varsity team, participates in at least seven varsity meets, including the State meet, is at least a sophomore, is a member of the cross country team for at least two years, meets time requirements of 15 minutes or faster for girls in 2 miles, 19 minutes or faster for boys in 3.1 miles. Simply being a part of the cross-country team for two years, with no improvement, does not meet the requirements to earn a letter jacket. The athlete must be willing to sacrifice and improve over the two-year period to earn a letter jacket. A senior who is at least a two-year participant of cross county may also be considered for the earning of a letter jacket regardless of his/her playing status.
- **SWIMMING:** In order to earn a letter jacket in swimming, an athlete must fulfill all of the following requirements: (1) participate on the varsity level for two years, (2) swim in the state championship meet for two years, and (3) be at least a sophomore. A senior who is at least a two-year varsity participant of swimming may also be considered for the earning of a letter jacket regardless of his/her playing status.
- **SOCCKER:** An athlete must participate in more than one-third of the games/contests, be involved in the contest at a time when the outcome of the game is still in question, participate and letter on the varsity level for two years, and be at least a sophomore. A senior who is at least a two-year participant of soccer may also be considered for the earning of a letter jacket regardless of his/her playing status.
- **TENNIS:** An athlete must participate for at least two years on the tennis team and at least one year as a varsity player (playing at least five varsity matches) and must be at least a sophomore. A senior who is at least a two-year

participant of tennis may also be considered for the earning of a letter jacket regardless of his/her playing status.

- TRACK AND FIELD: An athlete will receive a letter jacket if he/she: is a member of the varsity team 2 years (travel team); participates in at least six varsity meets including the District Meet, be at least a sophomore. A senior who is at least a two-year participant of track and field may also be considered for the earning of a letter jacket regardless of his/her playing status.