

BOARD POLICY

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STUDENTS

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 endeavors as well as in areas of the school's co-curriculum, **athletics** and/or extracurricular activities.

The recognition ~~should~~ **will** be as closely related as possible to the nature of the achievement and should be assessed by **district and/or** 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 are awarded to high school students who have 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. Informing student members of the requirements and standards for earning a letter award will be the responsibility of the club activity sponsor, club athletics team coach, or Board of Education approved athletic team coach in that respective area. Letters given by the school will be awarded to students who have met the established criteria. The method of distributing an earned letter award 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.

Scholarships

As approved by the Board of Education, district administration, and/or building administration, students may be awarded scholarships directly related to the foundational elements of LPS which are encompassed in the District's Shared Vision and/or Collective Commitments of Livonia Public Schools. (example: James P Carli Scholarship awarded to one student at each high school: Churchill High School, Franklin High School, and Stevenson High School).

