

LETTERING REQUIREMENTS

Consistency and continuity are very important to any performance organization and we encourage everyone to participate in every musical organization possible offered through the instrumental music program. All wind and percussion members of the 'Band of Chiefs' must be registered for a class **and** participate in both the marching band and another concert organization in order to be eligible for a letter (at the end of their **SECOND** year) or a service bar (for the 3rd & 4th years). Students who choose to participate in only one group (marching band or a concert group) will receive awards earned by those groups (medals, etc.) **but will not be eligible for a letter or service bar for that year.**

Lettering requirements for all Marching Band members are:

90% attendance to all scheduled rehearsals for 2 years; with no unexcused absences.

100% attendance for all performances for 2 years, unless absence is excused in advance by the band director. Emergency medical or family situations are of course taken into account **but it is the responsibility of each student/parent to notify the director** (not the section leader, best friend, etc.) of such a situation. The director reserves the right to use his discretion under any circumstances.

- A separate letter will be awarded for “**Super Band**” that includes **100% attendance at all games, competitions, parades and all concert events for a minimum of 2 years.** Beginning in 2011/2012 only 4th year students will be eligible for the ‘Super Band’ letter. Any student who has a disciplinary action taken against them (through the band) **will NOT be eligible** for the Super Band Letter.

Members of the String Orchestra program are eligible for letters if they have a **100% attendance rate for rehearsals for 2 years** and a **100% attendance rate for all performances for 2 years** (unless absence is excused in advance by the band director). Family emergencies will be handled on an individual basis by the **director only**. The rationale for the increased percentage for rehearsals is that String Orchestra members have a shorter season that does not encompass the entire year.

PLAYOFF GAMES AND FALL BREAK FOR FOOTBALL SEASON

Playoff games are just as important as regular season games. Letter requirements are designed for every performance including post-season games.

- **Attendance is required at playoff games unless the director has excused you in advance.**
- **Out of town family vacations are excused for fall break BUT if you are in town on game Friday you are expected to attend OR provide documentation about your absence.**

You are responsible for notifying the director/group leader concerning your absence at the beginning of the season. We will work around circumstances such as those listed above, however you are expected to make other schedule changes such as a part time job, etc. in order to attend a playoff game. At playoff games our main responsibility is support for the team and the fans!

Separate letters are awarded by the Instrumental Music Director based in participation for 2 years for the following areas:

Band, String Orchestra, Steel Band, Super Band.

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