

**Band Letter Awards**

Letter Awards will be presented to Band students (woodwind, brass, and percussion players) based on a point system for participation and service as outlined below.

- Participation in the Band program each year ..... 2 points
- Freshman Region Band ..... 2 points<sup>1</sup>
- District Band ..... 2 points<sup>1</sup>
- Region Band ..... 3 points<sup>1</sup>
- Region Orchestra ..... 3 points
- Region Jazz Ensemble ..... 3 points
- Area Band ..... 4 points
- All-State Band/Jazz/Orchestra ..... 8 points
- U.I.L. Solo (Division I) ..... 2 points
- U.I.L. Ensemble (Division I) ..... 2 points
- T.S.S.E.C. Solo (Division I) ..... 4 points
- T.S.S.E.C. Solo (Division II) ..... 2 points
- State Ensemble (Division I) ..... 3 points
- Performing in the school’s musical orchestra ..... 2 points
- Performing in the full orchestra ..... 2 points<sup>2</sup>
- Senior ..... 10 points<sup>3</sup>

**Eligibility Points**

15 points = Letter Award and eligibility to purchase a jacket, sweater, or blanket

<sup>1</sup>Students receive points for earning a place in one ensemble only. (I.e., 2 points for Freshman Region Band or 2/3 points for District/Region Band, but not both.)

<sup>2</sup>Points are awarded for participation in UIL Concert/Sight-reading Evaluation only.

<sup>3</sup>Points are awarded only to students who have not received a Letter Award by their senior year. They may not be used to receive a second Letter Award.

Students may earn no more than one Letter Award per year for participation in the Band program.

A student may purchase only one jacket, sweater, or blanket for combined activities during his/her four years in high school.

**Color Guard Letter Awards**

Letter Awards will be presented to Color Guard students based on participation in the program for four (4) consecutive semesters: two fall semesters of marching band participation followed by two spring semesters attending Winter Guard competitions (TCGC or WGI).

For schools who do not participate in Winter Guard competitions, students must participate in three fall semesters of marching band to qualify.

Students who have not received a Letter Award by their senior year may qualify with three semesters of consecutive participation in the program (two semesters of marching band participation and one semester attending Winter Guard competitions).

**Director Responsibilities**

The band staff will enforce District awards rules and regulations, as well as determine when band students will be fitted for Letter Jackets during the school year. It is each student’s responsibility to keep track of points earned and notify the directors when he/she thinks that enough points have been earned

to merit an award. The directors are responsible to verify that a student has earned enough points to qualify for the award and to communicate to the appropriate assistant principal that an award is warranted. Directors do not order individual Letter Awards or jackets, sweaters, or blankets for students.