

Hudson High School Band Varsity Letter System

Under this system, students participating in the Hudson Band Program will have the opportunity to receive a varsity letter for outstanding musicianship and dedication. Requirements for receiving a letter will vary according to grade, both in the number of activities necessary to letter and the eligible activities themselves. All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will receive their letters at the Spring Band awards ceremony. All seniors will receive their letters at the indoor marching band show, held each fall. This way, band seniors will be able to wear letter jackets during their final year of high school.

Requirements for each grade are included in this section. Each activity shows the number of points it is worth.

To letter as a Freshman earn 5 points from the following list:

- Marching Band (1)
- Wind Ensemble (2)
- Blue, or White Symphonic Band (1)
- Jazz I (2)
- Jazz II/Jazz Lab (1)
- Solo Ensemble Contest Solo (1) *Must earn Superior or Excellent rating.*
- Solo Ensemble Contest Ensemble (1) *Must earn Superior or Excellent rating.*
- Chamber Orchestra winds (1)
- Spring Musical pit orchestra (1)

To letter as a Sophomore earn 4 points from the following list:

- Marching Band (1)
- Wind Ensemble (2)
- Blue, or White Symphonic Band (1)
- Jazz I (2)
- Jazz II/Jazz Lab (1)
- Solo Ensemble Contest Solo (1) *Must earn Superior or Excellent rating.*
- Solo Ensemble Contest Ensemble (1) *Must earn Superior or Excellent rating.*
- Chamber Orchestra winds (1)
- Spring Musical pit orchestra (1)

To letter as a Junior earn 3 points from the following list:

- Marching Band (1)
- Wind Ensemble (1)
- Blue, or White Symphonic Band (1)
- Jazz I/Jazz II (1)
- Jazz Lab (1)
- Solo Ensemble Contest Solo (1) *Must earn Superior or Excellent rating.*
- Solo Ensemble Contest Ensemble (1) *Must earn Superior or Excellent rating.*
- Participation in Tri-M Music Society (1)
- Chamber Orchestra winds (1)
- Spring Musical pit orchestra (1)

To letter as a senior participate in band for four years.

Activities are not cumulative from year to year. Each summer all participation returns to zero. Once awarded, letters may not be taken from an individual. If a member retires from the band program at the conclusion of a school year the former member may continue to wear his or her letter with pride. However, anyone who leaves the band program during the course of the year, either by forceful removal or personal volition will forfeit the privilege of wearing the Band Letter.