

Extracurricular/Interscholastic Awards and Honors

The Board of Education believes that there are worthy educational values derived from student participation in extracurricular and interscholastic activities and competition. In recognition of the dedication and skill of the student participants in these activities, the following outlines honors and awards deemed appropriate by the Board:

I. ATHLETIC SERVICE AWARDS

A. Managers

1. Managers of athletic teams shall be recognized in a separate category from the participating athletes.
2. Managers will be divided into two Varsity and JV. Varsity and JV managers will be identified by the head coach of the individual sport prior to the start of the season.

a. Varsity Managers

- (1) Each athletic activity will have up to a maximum of two designated varsity managers.
- (2) If the athletic team with which the varsity manager is associated wins a championship, the manager or managers will be awarded a plaque identical to the qualifying athletes.
- (3) Varsity managers must be in grades 9-12.

b. JV Managers

- (1) JV managers will receive an award as deemed appropriate by the coach and the athletic director.
- (2) An athletic team may have as many JV managers as the coach deems necessary.
- (3) JV managers must be in grades 9-12.

c. Varsity Letters

Athletes will be awarded varsity letters under the following criteria:

- (1) Baseball and Softball: Participates in one-half of the innings of the total number of games played in the season.
- (2) Basketball: Participates in one-half of the total number of quarters of the total number of games played in the season.
- (3) Cross-Country: Participates in two-thirds of the meets that are held in the season.
- (4) Football: Participates in one-half the total number of games played in the season.
- (5) Soccer: Participates in one-half the total number of halves of the total number of games played in the season.
- (6) Golf: Participates in one-half the number of matches in the season.
- (7) Hockey: Participates in one-half of the total number of games in the season.
- (8) Spring Track and Indoor Track: Achieves a total of ten points in the dual or relay meets, or participates in three-quarters of the meets. A place in a conference, county, sectional, or state earns a letter automatically.

- (9) Wrestling: Participates in one-fourth the number of matches in the season. A win in the districts automatically earns a letter.
- (10) Bowling: Participates in at least half the matches.
- (11) Cheerleaders must be regular in attendance during the fall or winters seasons, and at the recommendation of the advisor.

The awards list must be approved by the athletic director.

A head coach may make special recommendations for varsity awards in accordance with the student/athlete handbook for athletes.

The Athletic Director may recognize students who participate as individuals because of the lack of a team on the school's part, by awarding them a varsity letter, if they participate in one half of the meets or opens in which they are eligible to compete.

A senior will receive an automatic varsity letter in his/her senior year of participation.

II. AWARDS

Awards will be categorized in the following manner:

Curricular – These awards will be presented at the annual academic banquet for special recognition by school or community groups. These are awards students have earned as part of his/her curriculum (example: PTA art show, South Jersey Student Craft Fair, etc.)

Extracurricular--These awards, separate from plaques described herein, are for individuals and/or groups who have qualified for special recognition through participation in an extracurricular activity (athletic or non- athletic). Patches, trophies or certificates may be awarded for recognized events which involve only one level of competition.

A. Awards for Athletics:

Certificates/Varsity letters will be awarded to students who are members of a varsity athletic team that is involved in competition sanctioned by the NJSIAA.

The following conditions apply:

1. A student must have attained a varsity letter, in accordance with section I, C. of this policy, in order to receive award.
2. A division BCSL championship qualifies for the certificate/varsity letter in addition to a team plaque.
3. A district (Central/South Jersey) team championship or a State Group I or II also qualifies for the plaque.
4. A sectional or group championship also qualifies for the plaque.
5. An athlete will be entitled to one plaque per sport per season.
6. Selection for an all star team will not qualify for a plaque. A BCSL or NJSIAA plaque may be awarded separately.
7. A student who has been eliminated from a team due to academics or disciplinary reasons, including attendance, will not be eligible for the plaque.
8. Each Freshman who participates in athletics will earn numeral patches of their graduation year at the completion of that Freshman season.

9. A senior athletic plaque will be awarded to each senior athlete who has earned 2 varsity letters in a sport.

B. Awards for Band

The recognized competition for band will be the Tournament of Bands Chapter Championship or Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Championship. It is possible to win the Atlantic Coast Championship without winning Chapter championship.

III. DESIGNATION, COMPENSATION, CLASSIFICATION:

- A. A sum of money for certificates/letters/numerals will be budgeted each year by the Board under athletics.
- B. The designation of the plaque shall be decided by the coach, director, or advisor, in consultation with the principal and athletic director. Plaques requiring funds from the board of education will be approved prior to purchase by the Board of Education.
- C. Under no circumstances will cash be awarded or given directly to students.
- D. The following represents a division of activities into categories as designated as curricular and extracurricular in this policy. These lists are not all-inclusive and will be reviewed each summer by the administrative team. Other events will be reviewed on an individual basis.

1. Curricular - Non-Plaque

Teen Arts Festival,
All South Jersey Band, Orchestra, Wind ensemble and Chorus All State
Band, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Chorus
All Eastern Band, etc.
National Youth Orchestra, etc.
Blaustein Distinguished scholar
Voice of Democracy
County PTA Contests
State PTA Contests
Garden State Distinguished Scholars
National Merit scholarship Winners Conference
Honors Band South Jersey Student Craftsmen's Fair
Spelling Bee
Geography Bee
NJFLE Poster Contest
Various Poster and Essay Contests

2. Extracurricular

Conference Band Festival
DECA - Regional Competition
Cheerleading: Non-NJSIAA
Step: Non-NJSIAA
NJSIAA All Star Selection

Student Council Officers
Theater
Boys' State
Girls' State
Student of the Month

3. Extracurricular – Certificate/Varsity Letter
 - High School Varsity Teams
 - DECA State or National
 - Step & Cheerleading championship competitions sanctioned by NJSIAA
 - Tournament of Bands Chapter Championship
 - Atlantic Coast Conference Band Championship
 - Mock Trial State Championship
 - Debate State Championship

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