

### **WORTHAM ATHLETIC LETTER JACKET POLICY**

Awards are granted to students for exemplary representation of the school. Winners of such awards are subject to the rules and regulations of the school and community. Should the student's behavior during his/her school career be such that he or she is not representative of the school, then the school may withhold presentation or revoke the award and repossess the symbol of the award, although minimum requirements as outlined below have been satisfied. The awarding of the Wortham High School Athletic Letter Jacket to a student is the second highest award the school bestows; the highest is the diploma for graduation. In order to letter, an athlete must be on a varsity team and must satisfy the requirements stated below. Varsity Teams: Wortham ISD will furnish the letter jackets to each athlete who meets the qualifications for lettering. Guidelines that will be followed by all are:

- UIL rules will be followed in regard to cost of jackets.
- No participant will receive more than one letter jacket.
- An athlete will receive a jacket in the sport he/she letters in first.
- The jacket will have a "W" letter/patch.
- All letter jackets will be the same for all sports.
- An athlete must complete the season in order to receive a jacket.
- An athlete must begin, remain and end each season academically eligible.
- Each coach will keep records of student participation in each sport. (Such records will be used as a basis for determining which athletes satisfy lettering qualifications.) A student may qualify for a major award only in a varsity sport. All coaches will determine who will letter according to policy, subject to approval of the Athletic Director.

The following is a list of criteria that will be considered before a letter jacket is awarded.

#### **Football**

1. The student must participate in 90% of all workouts.\*
2. The student must participate in all scheduled games unless he/she is involved in another school-sanctioned activity.
3. The student must be on the varsity the entire year or play in 20 quarters to letter.

#### **Volleyball**

1. The student must participate in 90% of all workouts.\*
2. The student must participate in all scheduled games unless he/she is involved in another school-sanctioned activity.
3. The student must be on the varsity the entire year or play in 15 matches to letter.

#### **Basketball**

1. The student must participate in 90% of all workouts.\*
2. The student must participate in all scheduled games unless he/she is involved in another school-sanctioned activity.
3. The student must be on the varsity the entire year or play in 60 quarters to letter.

#### **Baseball/Softball**

1. The student must participate in 90% of all workouts.\*
2. The student must participate in all scheduled games unless he/she is involved in another school-sanctioned activity.
3. The student must be on the varsity the entire year or play in 30 innings to letter.

### **Track and Field/Cross Country**

1. The student must participate in 90% of all workouts.\*
2. The student must participate in all scheduled games unless he/she is involved in another school-sanctioned activity.
3. The student must be on the varsity the entire year or score points in the district meet or score 10 points in invitational meets.

### **Tennis**

1. The student must participate in 90% of all workouts.\*
2. The student must participate in all scheduled meets unless he/she is involved in another school-sanctioned activity.
3. The student must be on the varsity the entire year or advance to semifinals in district competition or advance to state competition in team tennis.

### **Power-Lifting**

1. The student must participate in 90% of all workouts.\*
2. The student must participate in 75% of all scheduled meets.
3. The student must be on the varsity the entire year or score points in two meets.

***\* Illness or injury will be taken into consideration when calculating participation.***

### **Exceptions to lettering qualifications:**

A participant may letter at the coach's discretion if the participant is considered to have been of exceptional value to the team. Exceptions may include, but are not limited to, playing on a team for four years and never lettering, an injury causing athlete to be unable to complete the season, a position as a specialist of some type, continued practice and support of the team throughout the season though failing for part of the season. All exceptions will be discussed between the Head Coach and the Athletic Director so that all students are treated fairly.

NOTE: An athlete (including transfers) who has not met the above requirements may earn a letter jacket his/her senior year at the discretion of the head coach and athletic director.

### **FORFEITURE OF LETTER JACKET:**

Any athlete who has qualified for a letter jacket but has been dismissed from the squad for disciplinary reasons will not receive an award.

### **Band Letter Jacket Policy**

You will automatically earn your letter jacket for band if you accomplish any one of the following:

#### **INDIVIDUALLY**

1. Place in the ATSSB High School All-State Band.
2. Receive a First Division rating on a Class 1 Solo or Ensemble at the UIL State Solo & Ensemble Contest.
3. Earn any leadership role for a second year.
4. Be in the spring semester of your junior year without having previously earned a letter jacket.

\*Students in this category must be signed up for and participate in band their senior year to qualify.

### **AS A FULL BAND**

Be awarded as the State Champion of the State Marching Contest or the State Honor Band.

In the event the above does not take place, you can still earn your letter jacket based on the point system listed below. You must earn 5 points to receive your letter jacket.

### **INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Make the HS All-Region Band ½ point

Audition for HS Solo & Ensemble and receive a superior rating ½ point

### **MARCHING BAND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

UIL Area Marching Contest Finalist ½ point

State Marching Contest Finalist 1 point

### **CONCERT BAND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Sweepstakes 1 point

State Outstanding Performance Series Finalist 1 point (per song)

Advance to Area Honor Band Contest 1 point

Finalist in State Honor Band Contest 1 point

**\*Should a student earn their letter jacket during their 8th grade year, they will be fitted for and receive their jacket during the fall semester of their freshman year per UIL rules.**

The band director will keep an ongoing record of points accumulated by each student. It is the duty of each student to help the director keep an accurate count of points toward their jacket. Letter jackets will be fitted each spring and arrive by the end of the school year. Therefore, the points will be reviewed annually within approximately two weeks of the fitting of the letter jackets.