

## 12. Letter Policy

### **VARSITY LETTER REQUIREMENTS:**

First year: Official varsity letter on jacket

Second year: GVR special pin #1, and all-star patch on jacket or sweatshirt

Third year: GVR special pin #2, and second all-star patch on jacket or sweatshirt

Fourth year: GVR special pin #3, third patch, & commemorative plaque

### **Basic Requirements to qualify for a Varsity Letter, students must FIRST:**

- Maintain an A average in Band/Guard/ Percussion class for two semesters.
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA and stay eligible to perform
- Participate in fundraisers relating to your specific ensemble.
- Participate in games, competitions, parades, contests, and festivals.
- Have no outstanding uniform or music charges.
- Have no excessive amount EXCUSED absences from rehearsals
- Have NO UNEXCUSED absences from a performance

### **100 points = to achieve a letter, each calendar year, points cannot be accrued.**

\_\_\_50 - Marching Band - all season, all donations paid (no performances missed)

\_\_\_25 - Winter drumline/winter guard- all season, all donations paid

\_\_\_10 - Concert attendance of a professional or semi-professional orchestra/band/dance group (may be used a maximum of one time per semester, turn in program)

\_\_\_5 - Concert attendance of a community band or TVHS feeder program- Valley winds, jazz at the MERC, TMS/MMS concert, etc. (may be used a maximum of two times per semester, turn in program)

\_\_\_5 - Participation in fundraisers: meet minimum sales amount set by boosters (Sphere Letters, Butter Braids, See's Candy, W.F. Chocolate, trees, etc.)

\_\_\_5 - Basketball band attendance to play at a boys/girl's game during the spring (maximum of 20 points earned, then it goes to community service hrs.)

\_\_\_5 - Student volunteer at the SCSBOA Festival

\_\_\_10 - Be chosen/elected to a student leadership position AND fulfill all duties

\_\_\_20 - Membership in a community band or solo & ensemble festivals.

\_\_\_10 - Play all 12 major scales in one octave in under two minutes.

\_\_\_5 - Challenge a chair above you and win, or an extra technical exercise if only one in section or already 1<sup>st</sup> chair (exercise must be approved by Mr. Cowee). (May only be used a maximum of 2 times for 10 pts.)

*\* Excused absences fall into 2 categories: family emergency (funeral, family member gravely ill) and serious personal illness.*

*\*\* The following will NOT be excused toward earning a letter: family vacation, family reunions, tickets to shows/concerts, work, school work (the ONLY exception is the school board meeting required for 12<sup>th</sup> grade government class), birthdays and birthday parties, routine doctor/dentist appointments, outside activities (youth sports, activities, study groups. Schedule these things on a non-rehearsal/performance day).*