

Activities/Athletics

Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, and Organizations

Students are invited to participate in as many extracurricular activities as they can. Participation in these activities, however, is a privilege and not a right. Expectations in behavior and in academics are higher for these students than they are for the regular student body. Students who participate in any extracurricular activity will sign a code of ethics form, which outlines unacceptable behavior and penalties for such behavior. Participation in school and school-related activities is an excellent way for a student to develop talents, receive individual recognition, and build strong friendships with other students. While many of the activities are governed by the University Interscholastic League (UIL) – a statewide association of participating districts – eligibility for participation in many of these activities is governed by state law as well as UIL rules:

- A student who receives, at the end of any grade evaluation period, a grade below 70 in any academic class, other than an identified honors or advanced class, or a student with disabilities who fails to meet the standards in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) may not participate in extracurricular activities for at least three weeks.
- An ineligible student may practice or rehearse. The student regains eligibility when the principal and teachers determine that he or she has: (1) earned a passing grade (70 or above) in all academic classes, other than those that are honors or advanced, and (2) completed the three weeks of ineligibility.
- A student is allowed up to ten absences from a class during the school year for extracurricular activities or public performances. All UIL activities and other activities approved by the Board are subject to these restrictions. A student who misses a class because of participation in a non-approved activity will receive an unexcused absence.
- Any restrictions on participation related to discipline are set out in the Student Code of Conduct.

Please note: Student clubs and performing groups such as athletic teams, cheerleaders, drill or dance teams, student council, and UIL academic teams may establish standards of behavior (Policy) – including consequences for misbehavior – that are stricter than those for students in general. If a violation is also a violation of school rules, the consequences specified by the Student Code of Conduct or by local policy will apply in addition to any consequences specified by the organization.

Athletic Lettering and Awards

To earn a Varsity letter “F” for any of the following sports, a student must:

Volleyball – participate in minimum of ½ of the district games

Basketball – participate in ½ of the district games

Baseball – participate in ½ of the district games

Track – place 1st through 8th at the district meet, score in the district meet

Golf – place as individual or team at district meet

Tennis – place as individual or team at district

Cross Country – place as individual or team at district

Manager – participate minimum of three years to earn a jacket

District Administrators may make exceptions depending on circumstances.

Each year when an athlete letters, he/she will receive a letter “F” award for each qualifying sport at the UIL Awards Banquet. After receiving five letters, a student will qualify for a jacket. Any student that is an Academic or Athletic state qualifier automatically qualifies for a jacket. A junior who does not qualify for a jacket, but will in the estimation of the coach or sponsor

complete the jacket requirement his/her senior year, will be allowed to order a jacket. If the student does not complete their requirement during the next year, the student will be required to pay the full amount of the jacket. A \$60.00 maximum can be spent on a jacket during a student's high school career. Junior Varsity athletes and non-lettering UIL Academic participants will receive a certificate award of participation at the Awards Banquet.