

MHS LETTERING REQUIREMENTS AND AWARDS

Requirements for earning a Varsity letter have been established. A letter can only be earned through varsity competition. Athletes are to be informed of those requirements prior to the season. Each head coach must provide the Athletic Director with documentation for each athlete earning a letter at the end of the season. This will add more meaning and significance to earning a letter and prevent many problems that arise after the awards program.

Special athletic awards may be given to those teams and individuals who win their conference championship, regional championship, and or state championship. The coach and the athletic director will determine the type of award.

Athletic Awards

1. Authority to Make Awards
 - A. The coach shall recommend the members of his/her squad who have met the requirements for a letter; these recommendations are to be approved by the athletic director. Documentation must be sent with the list.
 - B. If any problem arises due to extenuating circumstances, a committee composed of the principal, athletic director, and coach involved shall make the final decision.
 - C. Those earning a varsity letter will receive a written invitation to attend the MHS letter winners banquet held in May or an awards ceremony.
2. Lettering Requirements
 - A. Types of Letters
 1. Boys and Girls Varsity Letters
 2. Certificates
 - B. Awarding of a Letter
 1. The first time an athlete meets the requirements for a letter, he/she shall receive a chenille letter. Each additional year a pin is awarded for that sport.
 2. Managers can earn a letter; however, it is different than an athlete's letter and they must meet the coach's criteria.
 - C. General Criteria in Meeting the Requirements for a Letter
 1. Attendance-Athletes shall attend all practices and games unless there is an excused absence approved by the coach before the absence. The athlete must finish the season as a team member in good standing.
 2. Sportsmanship-Athlete should realize that they are representing their school and community and shall conduct themselves in such a manner that they are an asset to the school and community. Failure to display appropriate sportsmanship can result in forfeiture of their letter.
 3. Training Rules-Adherence to all school training rules is required.

D. Specific Criteria in Meeting the Requirements for a Varsity letter

1. Football 50% of quarters
2. Cross Country 50% of matches
3. Basketball 50% of quarters
4. Wrestling 50% of matches
5. Volleyball 50% of games in a match
6. Soccer 50% of quarters
7. Baseball/Softball 50% of games
8. Track 50% of meets
9. Golf 50% of matches
10. Tennis 50% of matches
11. Cheerleading 90% of games for football and basketball
12. Lacrosse 50% of quarters
13. Swimming 50% of meets
14. Special Situations:
 1. The coach may use discretion on specialty position players (goalie, kicker, pitcher, etc.)
 2. Manager-Be present at all practices and games and must fulfill the duties assigned by the coach.
 3. Two Years in the Same Sport-Any athlete, who has participated in the same sport during his/her junior and senior years and did meet the specific requirements for a letter, may be recommended for a letter by the coach.
 4. Any athlete who was a starter or played regularly and as thereafter injured maybe awarded a letter, if in the coach's judgment, he/she would have met the lettering requirements provided all other criteria have been met.
 5. In a sport where post season play is sponsored, athletes may letter if they have become a starter: play 75% of the quarters, innings, matches, or score points in individual competition in tournament play may earn a letter at the coach's discretion.