

ACADEMIC LETTERS & JACKETS

1. General Criteria:

- a) A student will become eligible to earn an academic letter (Certificate) at the completion of his/her first year of high school at Hanson (Grades 9-12).
- b) Upon earning a second academic letter a student will be eligible to receive an academic jacket at his/her own expense.
- c) The student will receive an appropriate pin for each year that he/she letters in academics.
- d) Only one jacket shall be awarded to a student during his/her high school program (Grades 9-12). However, if a student qualifies for both an academic and athletic jacket, the school will award the student a second award, different from the jacket, at the discretion of the administration.
- e) Students who meet the academic criteria of the academic letter will be notified by the Dean of Students/Guidance Department by the end of April. If a student believes he/she meets the remaining criteria and is eligible to receive this award, he/she can obtain an application in the Guidance Office.

2. Lettering Criteria

To earn an academic letter, a student must:

- a) Have a minimum grade point average of 3.500, based on a 4.0 scale, with only A's or B's (4 Quarters only) at the end of the year (final grade).
- b) Have earned a minimum of 7 credits for the year, including Chemistry and Spanish I in the junior year.
- c) Have less than 4 behavioral blue slips.
- d) Have met two of the following requirements for the year:
 - 1) Placed in a school sanctioned essay or poetry contest (contest cannot be limited to Hanson students).
 - 2) Placed in an area math competition.
 - 3) Been a participating member of the Quiz Bowl team and have participated in at least one match.
 - 4) Placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in District Literary Rally **and** participated in the State Literary Rally.
 - 5) Placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the school science fair.
 - 6) Placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the school social studies fair.
 - 7) Been a member in good standing of the National Honor Society at the time of application.
 - 8) Scored a 25 or better on EXPLORE, PLAN, or ACT.
 - 9) Placed at state level in the 4-H Premier Exhibitor Program.
 - 10) Attended a "pro-life" march in Washington D.C./Notre Dame Seminar/attended an overnight Catholic retreat outside of St. Mary Parish.

