

ATHLETIC JACKETS

The athletic awards system at Hanson Memorial High School, grades 9-12, is to honor and pay tribute to outstanding achievement individually and collectively. Written criteria and outline procedures to determine lettering are as follows:

WEARING OF LETTER JACKET

1. The school athletic letter and the right to wear the Hanson School award jacket are given to athletes who have represented the school in athletics and met requirements set down. The jacket is the highest award the Department of Athletics has to offer. It may be worn only by Hanson's finest athletes and is earned only through their best efforts. It is an honor to wear it. Student athletes wearing this emblem must remember that to the world at large, the emblem stands for Hanson Memorial High School and our school will be judged by their conduct. Their behavior must, therefore, be such as to reflect only credit upon the name of their Alma Mater.
2. The blue, white and gold jacket is awarded to and may be worn only by the athlete who has earned it.

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES:

1. Football
2. Boys'/Girls' Basketball
3. Baseball
4. Softball
5. Boys'/Girls' Track
6. Boys'/Girls' Golf
7. Boys'/Girls' Cross Country
8. Other, depending on participation (i.e. gymnastics)

MAJOR SPORTS: Football, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Track, Girls' Track, Baseball, Softball

MINOR SPORTS: Golf, Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Cross Country, Gymnastics, Stats/Mgrs.

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR EARNING LETTER AWARDS AND ATHLETIC JACKETS:

1. To qualify for a jacket, an athlete must earn the following:
 - a) 2 letters in Major sports
 - b) 1 letter in Major and 2 letters in Minor sports
 - c) 3 letters in Minor sports.
2. Adherence to athletic policy.
3. Recommendation by Coach and approved by Athletic Director
4. Participation by sports
 - a) Quarters, innings (Football, basketball, baseball)
 - b) Matches (Golf)
 - c) Contest & points (Track and cross country)
5. Finishing the respective sports season, including playoffs, unless injured.

NOTE: In reference to E-4 below, even if a student has met the above criteria, he/she still may not receive a jacket until their junior year.

SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR EARNING LETTERS:

1. Football
 - a) Play 50% of the quarters.
 - b) Participation in any part of a quarter constitutes a full quarter.
2. Basketball
 - a) Play 50% of the quarters.
 - b) Participation in any part of a quarter constitutes a full quarter
3. Track
 - a) Participate in 50% of the track meets.
 - b) Points to be earned – average 1 point per regular scheduled meet or score any points in district, regional, or state meet.
4. Cross Country – Participate in 50% of regular season meets.
5. Baseball
 - a) Play 50% of innings played
 - b) Participation in any part of an inning constitutes a whole inning.
6. Softball
 - a) Play 50% of innings played.
 - b) Participation in any part of an inning constitutes a whole inning.
7. Golf – Participate in 50% of matches and/or the Regional Match.
8. Any athlete not meeting lettering requirements above may be lettered at the head coaches' discretion with approval by the Athletic Director.

METHODS OF EARNING INDIVIDUAL AWARDS FOR ALL SPORTS:

1. Participating but not meeting criteria for letter – Certificate of participation
2. First letter earned: Credit for service bar.
3. A senior transferring to Hanson Memorial High School will be allowed to qualify for a jacket providing they meet the guidelines in the section “Specific Criteria for Earning Letters”.
4. An athlete/manager/statistician may not receive a jacket prior to the beginning of the junior year. Only one jacket may be awarded to an athlete/manager/statistician during his/her high school program, grades 9-12. If an athlete/manager/statistician chooses to leave the program on his/her own accord, he/she must return the athletic jacket.
5. The types of jackets awarded will be determined by the Athletic Director and Principal.

RULES FOR ATHLETES TO REMAIN IN GOOD STANDING:

1. No tobacco in any form.
2. No alcohol in any form.
3. Curfew will be set by the Athletic Director and Head Coach for each sport.
- 4. Each athlete will be responsible for calling or notifying his/her head coach if he/she is to be absent from practice or a game.**
5. An athlete quitting a sport in season may not participate in another sport until the previous sport is over.

All offenses will result in disciplinary action by the Athletic Director and/or Coach of a specific sport.