

LETTERING REQUIREMENTS

Consistency and continuity are very important to any performance organization and we encourage everyone to participate in every musical organization possible offered through the instrumental music program. All wind and percussion members of the 'Band of Chiefs' must be registered for a class **and** participate in both the marching band and another concert organization in order to be eligible for a letter (at the end of their first year) or a service bar (for the 2nd, 3rd & 4th years). The only exception to this rule would be for wind/percussion players who participate in a concert organization only and who also earn a letter in a varsity fall sport, i.e. football, softball or volleyball. Students who choose to participate in only one group (marching band or a concert group) will receive awards earned by those groups (medals, etc.) **but will not be eligible for a letter or service bar for that year.**

Lettering requirements for wind/percussion players* are:

90% attendance to all scheduled rehearsals; with no unexcused absences.

100% attendance for all performances. An unexcused absence automatically eliminates a student from an end of the year letter.

Emergency medical or family situations are of course taken into account **but it is the responsibility of each student/parent to notify the director** (not the section leader, best friend, etc.) of such a situation. The director reserves the right to use his discretion under any circumstances.

- - A separate letter will be awarded for **“Super Band”** beginning in 2007-08 that includes 100% attendance at all games, competitions, parades and all concert events for a minimum of 2 years. 3rd and 4th year students only are eligible for the ‘Super Band’ letter. Any student who has a disciplinary action taken against them (through the band) **will NOT be eligible** for the Super Band Letter.

Auxiliary members (flag corps and drill team) and members of the string program are eligible for letters if they have a 95% attendance rate for rehearsals and a 100% attendance rate for all performances. Family emergencies will be handled on an individual basis by the **director only**. The rationale for the increased percentage for rehearsals is that auxiliary members and string orchestra members have a shorter season that does not encompass the entire year.

PLAYOFF GAMES AND FALL BREAK FOR FOOTBALL SEASON

Letter requirements are designed for a 10 game season, consequently additional games end up as 'free' and although SHS doesn't qualify for the post season every year we do occasionally play more than our 10 game schedule.

Attendance is required at playoff games with the following exceptions:

- you have a previous commitment such as camp or other retreat weekend scheduled.
- a family commitment that you cannot miss.
- unforeseen conflict that cannot be rescheduled.
- Out of town family vacations are excused for fall break **BUT** if you are in town on game Friday you are expected to attend **OR** provide documentation about your absence.

You are responsible for notifying the director/group leader concerning your absence. We will work around circumstances such as those listed above, however you are expected to make other schedule changes such as a part time job, etc. in order to attend a playoff game. At playoff games our main responsibility is support for the team and the fans!

Separate letters are awarded by the Instrumental Music Director for the following areas:
Band, String Orchestra, Steel Band, Super Band.