

RED OAK BAND – LETTERING POLICY 08-09

A student must earn 10 points in a school year to letter. Points may be awarded for the following:

- 2 pts – Eligibility– 2 points per semester that you were academically eligible
- 2 pts – All-Region Jazz membership
- 2 pts – All-Region Band membership
- 2 pts – Area Band qualification
- 2 pts – All-State Band membership
- 1 pt – First Division on Class II Solo or Small Ensemble at UIL Solo/Ensemble Contest
- 2 pts – First Division on Class I Solo or Small Ensemble at UIL Solo/Ensemble Contest
- 1 pt – State Solo Qualification
- 1 pt – * First or Second Division at State Solo Contest
- 1 pt - * First Division at State Ensemble Contest
- 1 pt – Drill Instructor assignment (also percussion line leaders - i.e. cymbals, bass, etc.)
- 2 pts – Section Leader Assignment (or Guard lieutenant)
- 3 pts – Drum Major, Percussion or Guard Captain assignment
- 1 pt – College/Professional Concert Attendance (see below for details on this new area)
8 concerts needed for 08-09 (will change to 15 concerts for 09-10)
- *1 pt – 1 point (only) MAY be awarded at the director’s discretion for exceptional service work over and beyond the normal responsibilities of a band student (max. of 1 point)

Notes:

- Points do not carry over from year to year. Each year the student must begin anew.
- Each student that has not received a letter jacket by the end of their 11th grade year, AND who has remained a member in good standing every semester of their 9th, 10th, and 11th grade years will be awarded a jacket during their senior year, provided that the student remains in band for their senior year. If the student were to drop out of band, the jacket can not be awarded.
- Any student who has lettered in another activity besides band and received a jacket for that activity can NOT receive an additional jacket for band. This is state law. You CAN however receive the band letter only to add to your other jacket.
- For students lettering for the first time, letter jackets will be ordered in May, and should be ready toward the beginning of the new school year.

* Since State S&E happens after the jacket order deadline this event will count on the following year.

New for 08-09! Concert Attendance Point!

To encourage students to experience music performance at the highest artistic levels, we are adding a Concert Attendance Point that may be earned by attending eight band/orchestra concerts at the college or professional level. (note: TMEA Region and State concerts will count also, but NOT other high school concerts – the intent is to hear professional or at least semi-professional music making). The plan is/was for the requirement to be 15, but since this is being announced mid-year we are going to ask for 8 for this year. Attendance may be proven by bringing a copy of the program signed by the director of the group, or signed by a parent verifying attendance at the concert. Examples of concerts include: Dallas Wind Symphony, Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra, All-State Band or Orchestra Concert, Dallas Symphony, Fort Worth Symphony, UTA Wind Ensemble, UNT Wind Ensemble, SMU Meadows Orchestra, etc. The final decision for whether or not a concert “counts” or not rests with the band directors. Again, the intent is college/professional level instrumental music—not junior and high schools, musicals, church choirs or guest soloists/groups/bands, etc. While there is certainly good musical value in all those activities, it is not the intent of this particular lettering policy.

Students who meet the requirement for lettering this year who have already lettered in a previous year in band will be awarded a “letter bar” to pin on their letter jacket—signifying 2nd, 3rd, or 4th letters—and will be recognized at the band banquet.