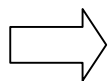


# W.B. Ray High School Texan Band

## Letterman Jacket Policy

### 2013-2014

The Letterman Jacket\* will be provided by Ray Band Boosters to each qualified Junior. Band students begin earning their Letterman jackets from their first day of Band as Freshmen. Each Ray Band student will earn the letterman jacket in the fall of his/her junior year if the Freshman and Sophomore requirements, as stated below, are met.



**Students are also expected to meet these requirements once they have their jackets, as good Band citizens.**

#### **Freshman Through Senior Year , Each Year:**

- Band member must audition for TMEA All-District Band\* Fall-1<sup>st</sup> semester of school year (Audition music performed to directors' satisfaction)
- Band member must perform at UIL Solo/Ensemble Contest\* Spring-2<sup>nd</sup> semester of school year (Audition music performed to directors' satisfaction)
- Band member must be current on band fee amount for each year up to and including their Junior year, starting in 2012.
- Band member must be in good standing with Directors- this is based on participation.

**\*\*PARTICIPATION= Summer Band/Football Games, Open House/PTA Meetings, Winter/Spring Concerts, U.I.L. Marching/Concert Contests, Buc Parade, Graduation and other performance obligations as required.**

\*If an unforeseen event happens that prevents the band student from auditioning for any of the (TMEA/UIL) competitions in a particular year, then the student can make it up by advancing to the next level at the following contest, i.e., advancing from district to region at the fall TMEA November/December activity or advancing from region to state at the February UIL Solo and Ensemble contest. ***The Band Director may waive this requirement by substituting an alternative activity per his discretion.***

A band member automatically letters if he/she makes the TMEA All-State Band or is selected as an Outstanding Soloist at the UIL Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

**Drum Major Recognition policy:** In recognition of the hard work that Drum Majors do for the Band, Band Boosters will provide music-themed patches or other enhancements, chosen with input from the drum major, to be added to the jacket each year that the Drum Major serves the Band.

A budget of \$50 per Drum Major per year has been established for this purpose.

**Band Member/Athlete Letterman policy:** Students who meet the qualifications for a letterman jacket in Band who already have a letterman jacket from another activity such as a sports team, may order **Band themed patches** (musical symbols, instrument patches, etc) from Balfour for their jacket when the representative measures the other qualified students. **Band Boosters will pay \$70 or less for the patches. Any balance for these patches that exceeds \$70 total will be paid by the student and their parents. Parents will receive a bill in the mail from Balfour for that balance.**

**Color Guard Letterman Policy:** Qualified color guard members also receive the Ray Band letterman jacket when they meet requirements.

- Student must attend all practices during summer band, football season, and for parade.
- Student must participate in every pep rally, football game, and other performance obligations.
- Student must be current on Band Fee amount.
- Student must meet color guard proficiency standards as determined by Band Director.

*\*Letterman Jacket provided by Ray Band is the standard jacket with the BAND "R". Other patches, embroidery, etc, are paid for by students.*

