

Standish-Sterling Community School District  
Standish, Michigan 4865

Administrative Procedure

Re: Academic Letter Guidelines

**Rationale**

The extracurricular activities sponsored by the Standish-Sterling Community School District support the entire academic program in the district. There is a strong interaction between performance in the classroom and participation in extracurricular activities. Many of our students who participate in athletic and other extracurricular activities are excellent students and excel academically. This academic letter is designed to recognize superior academic performance while continuing to place emphasis on the social skills which enable the student to be an appropriate representative of the high school both as a student and as a good and productive citizen.

**General Procedures**

An academic letter is earned as the result of both academic achievement and outstanding behavior and citizenship. The student earning the academic letter will be deemed of high character and appropriate to serve as a representative of the district. In order to earn an academic letter the student must meet the following criteria.

- In order to meet the academic criteria for an academic letter, the student must have earned the following cumulative grade point averages.

Class Year	Completed Semesters	Cumulative Minimum GPA
Sophomore	3	3.70
Junior	5	3.45
Senior	7	3.20

- The individual must be a student in good standing. The student must demonstrate behavior that would be in compliance with all extracurricular policies and procedures in the District.
- The student must not have been suspended or expelled in the semester preceding the award.
- A student who moves into the District must complete two (2) semesters at Standish-Sterling Central High School in order to become eligible to receive an academic letter.
- A student becomes initially eligible during the sophomore year. It is possible to earn multiple awards. There are three types of awards that will be distributed according to the following schedule.

Class Year	3.70 GPA	3.45 GPA	3.20 GPA
Sophomore	Letter		
Junior	Patch	Letter	
Senior	Plaque	Patch	Letter

The high school principal shall be solely responsible for determining if a student has met these criteria and will determine if the student is eligible for an academic letter award. The decision of the principal is final.

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This procedure is effective September 8, 1997.  
Claude L. Inch, Superintendent of Schools  
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