

CHS Bands Lettering Policy

Earning a band letter at Central High School is a true honor! All students who are in band are eligible and encouraged to strive toward earning a letter. However, the letter is for students who truly go above and beyond—students who do the bare minimum in band will most likely not earn a letter.

Please find the lettering requirements below, and the lettering application/checklist on the back of this page. Students are responsible for keeping track of their progress throughout the year, and getting the necessary signatures as they complete tasks. Please direct all questions to Mr. Snell about lettering in band.

Requirements (Students must do all of these in order to be eligible for a letter):

- Be in a concert band all year (Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Class).
- Have 100% attendance at all CHS band performances.
- Perform at Solo and Ensemble Festival, and receive a Superior/Excellent rating.
- Work bingo at least twice.
- Perform in the CHS Warrior Pep Band at least twice.
- Attain 6 points from the list below.

Opportunities to earn points (students may only earn a maximum of two points from each category, and need a minimum of 6 points as well as the requirements above to be eligible for a letter):

- Participate in CHS Marching Warriors/Color Guard – **1 point**
- Participate in a jazz ensemble – **1 point**
- Attend a concert outside of the CHS bands concerts, and do a brief reflection – **1 point**
 - Please ask Mr. Snell if you need suggestions for a concert to attend. Rock/pop concerts are not acceptable. Acceptable concerts include: Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra, Western CO Jazz Orchestra, CMU ensembles, Kokopelli Bells, other high school band concerts, etc.
 - Students must turn in a copy of the program and a brief reflection about the concert (what did you hear, how did the ensemble sound, etc.) This must be turned in within one week of the concert.
- Participate in a student-run ensemble outside of the band class, and perform at a CHS concert – **1 point**
 - Brass quintet, woodwind choir, concert percussion ensemble, etc.
 - This ensemble must be an *active* ensemble that regularly rehearses.
- Participate in winterguard/winter percussion ensemble – **1 point**
 - Students must be active participants in these ensembles – Mr. Snell will confirm with instructor.
- Two months of private lessons during school year (8/16 2017 – 5/24 2018) – **1 point per two months**
- Participate in a Select Band (CBA Select Band, Best of the West Select Band) – **1 point per band**
- Audition for an honor band – **1 point per audition**
- Be selected for an honor band (All State, CU Honor Band, WSCBA Honor Jazz, etc.) – **1 point per band**
- Perform on your instrument with choir/orchestra/pit orchestra, etc. – **1 point**
- Volunteer to work at a music festival – **1 point per volunteer event**
 - CBA Western Marching Regional, D51 Solo/Ensemble Festival, CO West Music Festival
- Volunteer as stage crew for a CHS bands concert – **1 point per concert**
 - Mr. Snell will select stage crew one week before concerts. Only those students will receive credit.
- Help Mr. Snell recruit at middle schools/Future Warrior Nights at CHS – **1 point per recruiting event**
- Other tasks approved by Mr. Snell (assist with inventory, music library, etc.) – **1 point per task**

