



## FSHS Band Varsity Letter Information

The Fairmont Senior Polar Bear Band is a co-curricular activity. Not only do you receive an academic grade, but you also receive the benefits of an extra-curricular organization. The grade reflects what you do in class, but hours spent outside of the classroom are awarded with a Varsity Band Letter.

A Varsity Band Letter is given after a student's freshman year upon completion of the requirements outlined below. Freshman students can be eligible for a Varsity Letter only if they make WVMEA All-State Band or Orchestra.

### Rules Regarding Lettering in Band:

1. You need a total of 100 points to earn a letter (or a bar).
2. You may only earn one letter OR one bar in an academic year. Points start over each year.
3. If you withdraw, or are dismissed, from the band program at any time, you lose all points you have earned.
4. The student is in charge of keeping track of points throughout the year. Please don't wait until a week before the application is due to start the process!

There are two parts to qualifying for a Varsity Letter. There is the Basic Requirements section and the Points Section. Students must meet all of the requirements from the Basic Requirements in order to qualify for the Points section of the application (Due May 1<sup>st</sup>).

### I. BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- Perform in the Band and/or Guard for a full year (2 semesters)
- Maintain an "A" average in Band class for both semesters.
- Have no outstanding debts to the FSHS Band Boosters.
- Have no unexcused absences from performances or rehearsals.
- Zero discipline issues that result in either ISS or OSS.

### II. POINTS SECTION

- Participation in private lessons for one full year 75 points
- Marching Band\* 50 points  
\*Student must attend every performance and rehearsal
- Audition for FSU Solo and Ensemble Festival, WVMEA All-State Band, or any other auditioned ensemble 25 points
- Being accepted and participating in the WVU or FSU Honor Band 25 points
- Being accepted and participating in the WVMEA All-State Band 100 points
- Performed in an approved community performance\* (solo or group) 10 points  
\*This could include community/church/school functions – See director

### DEMERITS

The Director reserves the right to demerit a student's letter points or final grade.

- Excessive Talking 5 points
- Unexcused Missed Rehearsal 10 points
- Tardiness 1 point per 10 minutes
- Missing Materials / No Instrument 5 points each time
- Missed Performance 25 points (see above BASIC REQUIREMENTS section)

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- Maintain an "A" average in Band class for both semesters. \_\_\_\_\_
- Have no outstanding debts to the FSHS Band Boosters. \_\_\_\_\_
- Participate in ALL required rehearsals or performances. \_\_\_\_\_
- Zero discipline issues that result in either ISS or OSS. \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL POINTS \_\_\_\_\_**