

USD 348



**ACTIVITY
HANDBOOK**

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Important Names, Numbers, and Locations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
Gary Stevanus	Activities Director/ Athletic Trainer	594-2727	BHS	Stacy McDaniels
Mark Dodge	Superintendent	594-2721	District Office	Megan Johnson
Brant Brittingham	BHS Principal	594-2725	BHS	Stacy McDaniels
Kelli Haeffner	BHS Asst. Principal	594-2725	BHS	Jeanne Brittingham
Derek Bland	BJHS Principal	594-2448	BJHS	Melissa Alford
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Kristine Loeck	Transportation Director	594-7433	Transportation	N/A

Frontier League High Schools, Mascots, and Colors

Baldwin	Bulldogs	Purple & White
Bonner Springs	Braves	Orange & Black
Eudora	Cardinals	Red & White
Louisburg	Wildcats	Purple & White
Ottawa	Cyclones	Red & White
Paola	Panthers	Black & Gold
Piper	Pirates	Purple & White
Spring Hill	Broncos	Purple & Gold
Tonganoxie	Chieftains	Red & White

Frontier League Junior High Schools, Mascots, and Colors

Baldwin	Bulldogs	Purple & White
Eudora	Cardinals	Red & White
Gardner Pioneer Ridge	Jaguars	Navy & Maroon
Gardner Trail Ridge	Huskies	Navy & Gold
Gardner Wheatridge	Mustangs	Royal Blue & Silver
Louisburg	Wildcats	Purple & White
Ottawa	Whirlwinds	Red & White
Paola	Panthers	Black & Gold
Spring Hill	Mavericks	Purple, Gold, & Black
Spring Hill Woodland Spring	Stallions	Purple & Gold

Baldwin High School Booster Club Officers and Information

Co-President	TBA
Secretary	TBA
Treasurer	TBA

Meeting Dates: The Booster Club meets on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the high school cafeteria.

High School Admission/Activity Pass

Admission into high school activities may be granted through single game admission or by purchasing an activity pass. Activity passes may be purchased at enrollment or at the high school office. This pass will grant admission into all BHS home games with the exception of tournaments and KSHSAA playoffs. These passes are not transferable.

Cost:	Single game:	Adults -- \$5.00	Students -- \$5.00
	Activity Pass:	Adults -- \$40.00	Students -- \$30.00

Junior High Activity Pass

Admission into high school activities may be granted through single game admission or by purchasing an activity pass. Activity passes may be purchased at enrollment or at the high school office. This pass will grant admission into all BJHS home games with the exception of tournaments. These passes are not transferable.

Cost:	Single game:	Adults -- \$5.00	Students -- \$5.00	Changed League-wide
	Activity Pass:	Adults -- \$35.00	Students -- \$25.00	

Golden Passes for Senior Citizens

Any resident of the USD 348 school district who is 65 or older may receive a Golden Pass, which grants them full admission to all home activities at USD 348 schools. This does not include KSHSAA events. Senior citizens are also eligible to receive a Frontier League Golden Pass, which grants admission to all Frontier League events held at any Frontier League school. Call Megan Johnson at the district office to request your Golden Pass.

Activity User Fee

All USD 348 student-athletes will be required to pay an activity user fee of \$50.00 per sport/activity. This fee must be paid before the student is allowed to participate in competitions. If a student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, the activity user fee will be reduced according to district policy.

BHS Head Coaches/Sponsors

Band	Stuart O'Neil
Baseball	Joseph King
Basketball (Boys)	Don Blanchat
Basketball (Girls)	Eric Toot
Cross Country	Mike Spielman
Cheerleading	Patty Lenning
Debate	David Stephens
Dance Team	Hailey Schoendaller
Football	Robert Lisher
Forensics	Sunny Allen
Golf	Greg Capps
Scholars Bowl	Jim Ashcraft
Soccer (Boys)	Matt McCune
Soccer (Girls)	Drew Ising
Softball	Chad Scoby
Student Council	Ginny Barnard
Tennis (Boys)	Jim Ashcraft
Tennis (Girls)	Jim Ashcraft
Track	Mike Spielman
Vocal Music	Rachel Naughtin
Volleyball	Crystal Engemann
Wrestling	Kit Harris
Fall Musical	Katie Jacobsen
Spring Play	David Stephens

Baldwin Junior High School Head Coaches/Sponsors

Football	Jeff Melcher
Volleyball	Kathy Allen
Girls Basketball	Eric Toot
Boys Basketball	Ryan Cox
Wrestling	Kit Harris
Track (Boys)	TBA
Track (Girls)	TBA
Band	Stuart O'Neil
Vocal Music	Rachel Naughtin
Student Council	Cameron Schneider & Sarah Johnson
Cheerleading	TBA

KSHSAA Mission Statement

Goals that Influence Student Learning Outcomes

The Kansas State High School Activities Association advocates principles and sponsors services which assure that the state's middle level and high school students gain a balanced preparation for life, work, and post-secondary education.

Principles on Which Intended Outcomes are Based

Principles advocated by the association are promotion of scholastic achievement as a fundamental basis for a well-balanced activity program, and development of effective citizenship through the practice of good sportsmanship.

Services to Accomplish the Mission

Services provided by the association are:

1. Sponsorship of educational workshops, seminars, conferences and publications designed to inform and positively influence students, parents, educators and community members in accordance with organizational principles;
2. Administration of a program of interscholastic activities, festivals, clinics and contests among member schools;
3. Protection of member schools from exploitation by special interest groups; and
4. Communication with policy-making bodies to influence decisions consistent with association principles and operational standards.

Sportsmanship – KSHSAA Rule 52

In keeping with the Kansas State High School Activities Association requirement to encourage and enforce good sportsmanship, Baldwin City USD 348 asks that all students and fans assist us in honoring Rule 52.

Rule 52 (As published in the KSHSAA Handbook)

CITIZENSHIP/SPORTSMANSHIP

INTRODUCTION—The effective American secondary school must support both an academic program and an activities program. We believe that these programs must do more than merely coexist—they must be integrated and support each other in “different” arenas. The concept of “sportsmanship” must be taught, modeled, expected and reinforced in the classroom and in all competitive activities. Therefore, all Kansas State High School Activities Association members stand together in support of the following sportsmanship policy.

PHILOSOPHY—Activities are an important aspect of the total education process in the American schools. They provide an arena for participants to grow, to excel, to understand and to value the concepts of SPORTSMANSHIP and teamwork. They are an opportunity for coaches and school staff to teach and model SPORTSMANSHIP, to build school pride, and to increase student/community involvement; this ultimately translates into improved academic performance. Activities are also an opportunity for the community to demonstrate its support for the participants and the school, and to model the concepts of SPORTSMANSHIP for our youth as respected representatives of society. **Sportsmanship is good citizenship in action!**

ALL ACTIONS are to be FOR, NOT AGAINST; POSITIVE, NOT NEGATIVE or DISRESPECTFUL!

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

- Art. 1: SPORTSMANSHIP** is a general way of thinking and behaving. The following sportsmanship Policy items are listed below for clarification:
- Be courteous to all. (participants, coaches, officials, staff and fans)
 - Know the rules, abide by and respect the official’s decisions.
 - Win with character and lose with dignity.
 - Display appreciation for good performance regardless of the team.
 - Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon your self, team and school.
 - Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your school or its activities.

Art. 2: Enforcement Procedure:

- It is encouraged and recommended by the Kansas State High School Activities Association that local boards of education adopt these regulations and reinforce them as indicated herein.
- The Executive Board of the Kansas State High School Activities Association shall be responsible for the interpretation of these regulations, including “desirable and unacceptable behavior” and shall publish them in the association’s Citizenship/Sportsmanship Manual.

Crowd Control at School Sponsored Activities

Disorder and disruption of school activities will not be tolerated, and persons attempting to endanger the safety of students, school personnel or other adults; to damage school property; to interfere with school activities or the educational process; will be asked to leave the premises. The school administration and staff are responsible for handling any problem caused by adults or students. The final decision for determining if assistance is needed is the responsibility of the school principal. In the absence of the principal, the determination shall be made by the assistant principal or person designated to be in charge of the building or activity. The superintendent shall be notified of any serious problem at the school.

In the event that a spectator is asked to leave an activity event, he/she may be subject to suspension from attending future events.

USD 348 Activity Program Philosophy

The purpose of interscholastic activities of USD 348 shall be to enhance the curriculum and to provide educational experiences not otherwise provided in the classroom, and shall be an integral part of the total education program. These experiences will develop learning outcomes in the areas of goal setting, leadership skills, and patterns of emotional maturity, that will contribute to the development of better citizenship for student participants. The use of qualified personnel is of utmost importance in directing and serving the youth of our schools.

We believe in providing the opportunity for students to develop self-initiative, self-confidence, a sense of responsibility, competence, and dedication to the achievement of excellence in their personal and professional lives.

We believe that interscholastic activities are an integral part of the total school program and reflect the needs of the students, the school, and the community.

We believe the values of activities to the participants are unique. Competition under prescribed regulations and policies provides adolescents with the opportunity to develop habits of good health and emotional control.

We believe participants should be taught sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity through interscholastic activities.

We believe that coaches, student participants, spirit groups, parents, fans, officials, faculty, and school administrators are all responsible for conducting themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all activities.

We believe that many participants can find a purpose in their academics and their lives through a sound activities program.

We believe that activity participation will provide students with the opportunity to gain the knowledge needed to meet and solve problems as they move into adulthood.

We believe that participants should have the opportunity to compete so long as they follow reasonable rules and regulations, are in good standing with the school and team, have the talent to compete at the level desired for the team, and are otherwise eligible and qualified to compete.

We believe that activities enhance school morale and provide an outlet for enthusiasm and pride for the student body.

We believe that the activities program, though differing in nature from the academic curriculum, provides a profitable educational experience for the entire student body through a program which provides a multitude of opportunities for both boys and girls.

We believe that students who participate in USD 348 activity programs should follow school policies, which call for abstinence from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs.

We believe that boys and girls should have equal opportunities for the development of their skills and be able to receive the benefits provided by interscholastic competition.

We believe the welfare of the individual child is always the primary concern. Activities exist for the student – never the student for the activities.

We believe in the broad participation of junior high students in interscholastic programs.

We believe in the high academic standards required for student-athletes at the collegiate level and of the importance of providing the academic background that will prepare our students to accomplish those needs.

Objectives of the Activity Program

Student Athlete

1. To provide the opportunity to learn and improve skills in a competitive sport or activity.
2. To be free of pressure from coaches which prevent them from participating in a particular sport and/or extracurricular activity.
3. To be free from pressure or ridicule from those who would have them choose another activity.
4. To provide the opportunity to develop friendships with squad members and opposing team members.
5. To provide a chance to observe and exemplify fair play through competition.
6. To provide opportunity for a student to experience success in an activity that he or she selects.
7. To expect their chosen activity to be treated with the same dignity and respect as other school activities.
8. To realize that participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege that carries definite responsibilities on the part of the participant.
9. To create a desire to succeed and excel in all endeavors.
10. To associate with coaches who are exemplary role models.
11. To enjoy the opportunity to participate.
12. To learn that, as in life, violation of rules results in a penalty.
13. To learn that the student level of success depends upon the hard work, devotion to the task, enthusiasm for the activity, as well as innate ability.
14. To practice self-discipline and develop emotional maturity in learning to make quick decisions under pressure.
15. To engage in competition at a level commensurate with their abilities.

School

1. The activity program shall be an integral part of our school system.
2. Activities shall be used to promote good school morale.
3. Activities shall be educational and provide worthwhile and ethical values.
4. Student interest and support shall be created through participation of cheerleaders, pompon squad, band, the student section, and helpers at contests.
5. Visiting opponents shall be made to feel welcome as guests in our school and community.
6. There should be no distinction between so-called "major" and "minor" activities; each is of equal importance.

Community

1. Communities should realize that responsibility for school activities rests with school authorities.
2. Community participation at activities is encouraged, provided that good sportsmanship is displayed to all participants, coaches, sponsors, and officials.
3. Community members should keep in mind the fact that an athletic contest is a part of a school program because of its educational role. When it ceases to have an educational value, it should cease to be a school function.

Unification of Junior High and High School Activity Programs

Activity programs at Baldwin Junior High School will serve to prepare students for participation at the high school level. While the programs at Baldwin Junior High and Baldwin High School will remain separate, the Junior High programs will act as feeder programs into the high school level. The programs will teach similar techniques and have a similar philosophy to the high school program. In all cases, the head coach/sponsor at the high school level will have final say in the total program philosophy.

Junior High School Sports Participation

After an adequate number of practices, athletic teams for the 7th and 8th grade will be divided into Varsity and Junior Varsity squads. Rosters between the two levels may change during the course of the season based on the skills of the participants.

Junior Varsity – This program will be developmental in nature.

Varsity -- The top junior high team. This program will remain developmental in nature, but there will be an increased emphasis on winning.

An appropriate number of games will be scheduled in order to provide for adequate playing time. All students will be allowed to participate at the middle school level. The activities director, head coach and building principal will jointly determine when additional game shall be scheduled and when postponed games should be rescheduled.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PARTICIPATION

High School Freshman/C-Team Level

The Freshman/C-Team level will serve to bridge the gap between Junior High and High School activities. While there is an emphasis on winning, this level will be used to further develop skills and install the high school program philosophy.

High School Junior Varsity Level

The Junior Varsity level will further prepare participants for varsity competition. There will be an increased emphasis on winning at this level.

High School Varsity

This will be the elite squad in the school district, and will be made up of the best players in that sport. The primary goal at the high school varsity level will be to win.

Playing time at the high school level is NOT GUARANTEED. The activities director and head coach will jointly determine when/if additional games shall be scheduled to increase opportunities for playing time. Coaches are given the opportunity to cut team rosters to a workable size if the need arises. In instances where a coach determines that making roster cuts is necessary, those cuts will only be made after student-athletes are given a three day try-out period.

In instances where a small number of student-athletes choose to participate in a sport or activity and there are not enough participants to field at least a varsity team, the USD 348 Administration may decide not to field a team that season.

Student Participants as Role Models

Participants in interscholastic activities serve as role models for other students in the district. These participants not only represent themselves, but their school, the school district, and the community. Their role as a student leader should not be taken lightly.

Any actions that bring discredit to the participant, team, program, school, school district, or community will not be tolerated.

Dress Code

Participants in interscholastic activities are expected to be neat and clean in appearance. Policies outlined in the student handbook will be followed. On game day, students should make an effort to wear dress clothes or wear their team attire.

When a participant is wearing a school issued uniform, he/she should always be on his/her best behavior.

Physical Exam

Every student athlete that competes in interscholastic athletics is required to have a current pre-participation physical on file in the Activity Director's office before he/she is allowed to practice (including try-outs). The physical examination shall not be taken earlier than May 1 preceding the school year for which it is applicable.

Athletic Training Coverage

Sports Medicine coverage for USD 348 student-athletes is provided by Lawrence Memorial Hospital. A certified athletic trainer is provided to USD 348 at no cost to the school district. The athletic trainer will be housed at the high school, and will have regular training room hours. The athletic trainer is contracted to be at all home high school varsity competitions as well as sub-varsity home tournaments. The athletic trainer will also travel with the high school varsity football team. When multiple events are to be covered at the same time, the sport with the greatest injury risk will be given first priority. Athletic training services are provided to Baldwin Junior High School students by appointment or at a coach's request.

Treatment Release Forms

Student athletes must have a current treatment release form on file in the athletic office before he/she will be allowed to practice.

Insurance Information

USD 348 does NOT provide secondary medical insurance for students, and is NOT responsible for any medical bills incurred by a student participating in activities or athletics. Information will be provided to any family that is interested in purchasing additional medical insurance policies to cover their individual student participants.

Concussion and Head Injury Information Release Form

Per Kansas State Law, a Concussion and Head Injury Information Release Form must be signed by each student-athletes and their parent/guardian before being allowed to participate.

Drug & Alcohol Policy

The USD 348 Alcohol and drug policy will be followed. This policy will be in effect for all participants 24 hours a day/7 days a week (not just on school grounds) starting with the team's first practice. Coaches/sponsors may establish team policies that go above and beyond the district policy.

Student Managers

USD 348 encourages students not participating in athletics to become team managers. To be a student manager, the following guidelines will be followed:

1. Students must remain in good standing with the team and school.
2. High school students will be allowed to be student managers for high school teams only.
3. Students not in grades 7-12 will be allowed to be student managers for BJHS or BHS teams with administrative approval.
4. As a general rule, student managers that attend school in a different building from a team that they are working with (ie. a 7th grade student serving as a team manager for a high school team) will NOT be dismissed from class early to travel with the team. In special circumstances, exceptions may be made with administrative approval.

Inclement Weather Policy

If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, all activities scheduled on that day will also be cancelled. This includes all practices and competitions. In rare instances, this policy may be changed based on a decision made by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sunday Activities

As a general rule, no games/competitions will be scheduled on Sundays. Practices will only be allowed on Sundays if the team competes on Monday, or with prior administrative approval due to special circumstances. In the event that a practice is scheduled on a Sunday, it must be scheduled in the afternoon or evening. Participation in practices on Sunday is strictly **voluntary**.

Dual Sport Participation

A student who wishes to participate in two sports during the same season must have **written consent** from both of the head coaches/sponsors. Decisions regarding dual sport participation must be made at the **beginning** of the season.

General guidelines:

The student-athlete shall declare a "primary" sport in case of conflict.

Competitions will have priority over practices

Regularly scheduled events will have priority over rescheduled events.

Conflict Resolution and Chain of Command

In the event that there is a conflict between coaches/parents/participants, please follow the following guidelines:

1. Meeting between coach/sponsor and participant
2. Meeting with coach/sponsor, player, and parents
3. Meeting with coach/sponsor, participant, parents, and activities director.
4. Meeting with coach/sponsor, participant, parents, activities director, and principal.
5. Meeting with coach/sponsor, participant, parents, activities director, principal, and superintendent.

Unless the concern involves the safety and/or well-being of an activity participant, meetings will not be scheduled until at least 24 hours have passed after the issue. This will help ensure that a rational and productive discussion can take place and the problem may be solved. Coaches/sponsors will **NOT** be expected to meet with an upset parent immediately following a practice session or competition.

School Equipment

It is the responsibility of student participants to turn in all equipment, uniforms, etc. checked out to them. If any equipment or uniforms are lost or damaged beyond normal use, the student will be charged full replacement cost for the lost or damaged item

Use of School Equipment at Outside Summer Camps

USD 348 will allow the use of school football equipment in the following situations:

1. Members of the USD 348 football teams are attending as a team and members of the USD 348 coaching staff are working as camp clinicians.
2. Members of the USD 348 football teams are participating in their coach's one week team camp.
3. Equipment will be checked out prior to departure of the team camp and will be collected at the camp's conclusion
4. At the team's equipment check out for the school district season, equipment worn at camp will be re-issued to the same individual.

Activity Transportation

Students are required to travel to and from activity/athletic trips in school provided transportation. When necessary, participants are allowed to ride home from a competition with their parents. In such cases, the parent must sign their son/daughter out with the coach/sponsor.

Overnight Trips

On occasion, USD 348 may approve trips that require overnight stays. In these instances, students will be assigned to stay in rooms by gender.

Fundraisers

Each athletic team/activity group is allowed to do no more than one door-to-door type fundraiser per year. ALL fundraisers must be approved in advance by the Activities Director. This is to help ensure that groups do not double-up on similar fundraisers. All money collected by groups doing fundraising activities will be turned in to their school's bookkeeper in a timely manner. Any profits from such activities will be held in that group's individual activity fund at the building level.

Guidelines for Addition of a Club

1. Organization must petition Student Council for formal recognition of club or organization.
2. Organization must support the mission, vision, and value statements of BHS/BJHS and USD 348.
3. Organization must support educational and/or social development of the BHS/BJHS student body.
4. Organization must have a faculty supervisor.
5. Organization must have a written constitution and/or by-laws.
6. Organization must elect the following officers:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer (may be combined with secretary position)
 - e. Student Council Representative (may be one of officers mentioned above)
7. Organization must support a positive school image and promote school spirit.
8. Organization should strive to achieve character development through community and school service projects.

9. Meetings, goals, and member actions must provide a social, emotional, and physically safe environment for all students and staff.
10. At all times, members must display the characteristics of respect, citizenship, responsibility, safety, and respect towards all students and staff.
11. Obtain approval from Student Council and Administration.

KSHSAA Eligibility Policy

USD 348 adheres to the eligibility requirements of the Kansas State High School Activities Association. To be eligible to participate in interscholastic activities, a student must be certified by the school administration as meeting all eligibility standards.

A summarization of KSHSAA rules state: **YOU ARE ELIGIBLE IF:**

1. You are a bona fide undergraduate student in good standing.
2. Your conduct and standard of sportsmanship are satisfactory and do not bring discredit to yourself or your school.
3. You do not turn nineteen (19) on or before September 1 of the current school year.
4. You have not completed eight (8) semesters of competition and/or attendance, or more than four (4) sessions in one activity in a four (4) year school. Fifteen (15) days of attendance or participation in an interscholastic activity shall constitute a semester of eligibility.
5. You passed **five (5)** subject of unit weight in your last semester of attendance without relying on work that is incomplete. No make-up work is permitted after the close of a semester for the purpose of becoming eligible (this includes summer school).
6. You are **enrolled in and are attending five (5) current subjects** (those not previously passed) of unit weight.
7. The last two semesters of possible eligibility are consecutive.
8. You do not engage in outside athletic competition in the same sport while you are a member of a school squad.
9. You have passed an adequate physical examination by a practicing physician and have the written consent of your parents or legal guardians. The completed physical must be turned in to the school prior to your first practice.
10. You are a transfer student and have met the requirements of the transfer rule.
11. You are not a member of any fraternity or other organization prohibited by law or by the rules of the KSHSAA.
12. You have not competed under a false name.
13. You have not competed for money or merchandise of intrinsic value and have observed all provisions of the Amateur Award Rules.

Any questions pertaining to activity eligibility should be directed to the Activities Director.

BHS Academic Eligibility Policy

USD 348 adheres to the eligibility requirements of the Kansas State High School Activities Association. To be eligible to participate in interscholastic activities, a student must be certified by the school administration as meeting all eligibility standards. The following standards apply to academic eligibility:

1. You passed **five (5)** subject of unit weight in your last semester of attendance without relying on work that is incomplete. No make-up work is permitted after the close of a semester for the purpose of becoming eligible (this includes summer school).
2. You are **enrolled in and are attending five (5) current subjects** (those not previously passed) of unit weight.

USD 348 also allows coaches/sponsors to implement academic standards that go above and beyond the KSHSAA policy. In such instances, the coach/sponsor is required to notify parents and students with a copy of the policy at the parent meeting.

To provide coaches and sponsors additional information about their participant's academic status, a list of students not currently passing five (5) subjects will be provided to the head coach/sponsor each Friday.

BHS Attendance Eligibility Policy

Any student participating in any athletic or activity program sponsored by BHS must be in attendance at school for the entire day's schedule in order to be eligible to compete or perform later on that day or evening. This policy applies to but is not limited to the following types of activities:

- Athletic Contests
- Musical and Drama performances, contests, tryouts, and festivals
- Club and organizational conferences, workshops, or contests

This policy may be waived and the student allowed to participate if the following actions are taken:

- Doctor/dental type appointments as documented on the professional's letterhead or note pad
- In emergency situations, a call is made as soon as possible or convenient explaining the nature of the student's absence.

The decision to waive this policy will then be made by the administration. Calls should be directed to the Activities Director at 594-2727.

Students are expected to be at school and in class the morning following an activity.

BHS Athletic Lettering Policy

To receive an athletic letter at Baldwin High School, a student-athlete must meet the required guidelines for that sport. Guidelines for individual sports are listed below. In addition to these guidelines, a student athlete may letter if he/she is a fourth year senior in the program, is prevented from meeting the letter requirements due to injury or illness, or at the coaching staff's discretion.

Football

To letter, the player must be a valuable contributor at the varsity level (including practice players), complete the season, and be in good standing with BHS and the football program.

Volleyball

To letter, the player must be a valuable contributor at the varsity level (including practice players), complete the season, and be in good standing with BHS and the volleyball program.

Girls and Boys Tennis

To earn a letter, players must accrue 55 points using the following point system:

- 3 points – play a JV match date
- 3 points – win a JV match
- 5 points – play a Varsity match date
- 5 points – win a Varsity match
- 5 points – finish 3rd or better at a 5+ team tournament or finish 2nd at a Quad
- 7 points – finish 2nd at a 5+ team tournament or 1st at a Quad
- 10 points – finish 1st at a 5+ team tournament
- 8 points – finish the season with a winning record

*Coaches reserve the right to letter players that have not accrued 55 points if there are circumstances that need considered.

Soccer

Any student that is a valuable contributor at the varsity level will earn a letter.

Cross Country

Any student-athlete that participates in one varsity meet will receive a varsity letter.

Boys Basketball

To letter, the player must be a valuable contributor at the varsity level (including practice players), complete the season, and be in good standing with BHS and the basketball program.

Girls Basketball

To letter, the player must be a valuable contributor at the varsity level (including practice players), complete the season, and be in good standing with BHS and the basketball program.

Wrestling

A student-athlete must earn 40 letter points to receive a varsity letter. A participant that earns 20 letter points will receive a provisional letter. Letter points are outlined below:

- Varsity fall/forfeit – 6 points
- Varsity technical fall – 5 points
- Varsity major decision – 4 points
- Varsity win – 3 points
- Varsity match wrestled – 2 points
- JV fall – 2 points
- JV win – 1 points

Baseball/Softball

A varsity letter will be awarded if a student-athlete meets any of the following requirements:

1. Participate in at least half of the varsity games played
2. Earn a spot on the KSHSAA state tournament roster
3. Complete four (4) seasons in good standing
4. Coach's discretion

Track

Any athlete that participates in a varsity meet will letter, as long as he completes the season in good standing.

Golf

An athlete must participate in two varsity tournaments during the season to letter.

Pom Pon

Any pom pon squad member that completes the season in good standing will receive a letter.

Debate

Participants must earn 75 points to letter. A participant will receive six (6) points for each round won, and three (3) points for each round lost.

Forensics

To be eligible for a letter in Forensics, participants must meet the following criteria:

1. The student must perform in at least three separate prepared events during the season.
2. The student must attend a minimum of five invitational tournaments in addition to League and State competitions.
3. The student must assume a position of responsibility at the Baldwin Invitational Forensic Tournament and the Frontier League Tournament (when hosted in Baldwin). All members of the squad are expected to help locate judges and help organize the competition.
4. The student is expected to make rehearsal arrangements with the coach and work to improve the quality of presentation.
5. Squad members who violate any of the rules of the squad or codes of conduct or who are placed on probation, for any reason, are automatically disqualified from lettering.

Scholar's Bowl

A student must earn 200 points to earn a varsity letter in Scholar's Bowl. Points will be assigned as follows:

- Attend a practice – 3 points

Compete in tournament – 20 points
Score in tournament – 10 points
Medal in tournament – 50 points
Work at Baldwin Invitational Tournament – 40 points

Vocal Music

Students may receive a varsity letter in vocal music based on a points system.

1. The student with the highest point total will letter with distinction.
 2. The next three highest point totals will be averaged together to produce a base score.
 3. Students within 80% of the base score will receive a letter.
 4. Students within 75% of the base score will receive a provisional letter.
 5. Students that have an unexcused absence from a required performance will NOT letter.
- ** The point chart may be obtained from the vocal music director.

Band

Students may receive a varsity letter in band based on a points system.

1. The student with the highest point total will letter with distinction.
 2. The next three highest point totals will be averaged together to produce a base score.
 3. Students within 80% of the base score will receive a letter.
 4. Students within 75% of the base score will receive a provisional letter.
 5. Students that have an unexcused absence from a required performance will NOT letter.
- ** The point chart may be obtained from the band director.

Awards

A student earning his/her first varsity letter will receive a “B” as well as appropriate pins and bars.

The first time a student letters in a sport or activity, he/she will receive an emblem pin and one service bar.

After the first time lettering in a sport or activity, the student will receive a service bar.

If a student is a four (4) year letter winner, he/she should have a “B”, an emblem for that sport or activity, and four (4) service bars.

Replacement Letters and/or Pins

Students that have earned a varsity letter may purchase replacement letters and/or pins if the need arises.

Replacement costs:

Letter -- \$8.00

Pins -- \$1.00 each

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