

Bear Creek Activities Letterman Jacket Guide



You have participated in an activity at Bear Creek? Congratulations. Have you considered ordering a Letterman jacket? If not, you should!

Who gets to order Letterman jackets?

All Bear Creek students are encouraged to order a Letterman jacket and show their school pride. You do not need to have lettered in a Varsity sport or activity to order a jacket.

What is a Varsity letter?

The following Bear Creek activities (in addition to sports teams) offer a Varsity letter: Fine Arts (Band, Choir, Drama, Visual Arts), Forensics, and ASB. Each activity has a lettering standard, found in the Family Handbook, which explains how you letter.

Where do we get the letters, jackets, patches, etc.

One of our current vendors is National Achiever. You can set up an appointment to visit their show room, try on the jacket to best fit you, be able to look at all the font options and customize your jacket to reflect you. You can also visit their website and order online if you prefer.

National Achiever: 425-357-1338, www.nationalachiever.com

What are my jacket options?

We do have some very basic standards for jackets for them to be considered part of the school uniform. Choose Bear Creek from the “Pick Your School” drop down menu on the National Achiever site to get started, then choose your sleeve color, sleeve script, and BC patch from these options. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

- School Set Colors: Forest Green, White, Vegas Gold
- Jacket Body: Forest Green
- Sleeves: White, Soft Dark Green, or Vegas Gold
- Sleeve Script: Bear Creek (right) and Grizzlies (left)
- BC patch specs: two of the more popular options are:

Chenille: Forest Green
Chain: White
1st Felt: Vegas Gold
2nd Felt: White

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What patches go on my jacket?

One of the fun things about owning a Letterman jacket is telling your high school story. You can put just about anything on it you want. Some patches you will get from Bear Creek include:

- The “BC” – Students will receive a commemorative BC patch after participating in their first sport at Bear Creek. When you order your jacket, you will choose a BC patch (color option) for the left front of your jacket. (Note: The commemorative patch is not suitable for affixing to your jacket, put it in your scrapbook.)
- Sport/Activity patch – All students will be given an activity patch upon completion of their first season in each activity. The activity patch gets placed on the BC and signifies that you participated in that activity.

- Varsity lettering bars – As students earn Varsity letters, they receive gold bars to signify as such. The gold bars get placed inside the BC next to the activity patch.
- Additional patches – There are all kinds of different patches students can earn or purchase. Some popular ones include a captain’s patch, WIAA academic patches, gold stars (signifying special awards or achievements), State honors or placements, also NHS or honors patches, graduating year etc.
- Name – Your last name is traditionally added to the back of the jacket in script. Your first name (also in script) is traditionally placed on the right front of the jacket opposite the BC patch.

What other tips or suggestions are there?

- If you are hesitant on what to order, take a look around at what others are wearing. See what you like before making final decisions.
- Letterman jackets are quite expensive and take some time to be made. Plan ahead. These are great Christmas and birthday presents, but you should give yourself plenty of time to go through the ordering process.
- There is a sample Letterman jacket in the Upper School’s Grizzly Gear Shop. Go take a look.
- Call up the experts at National Achiever to get advice. Better yet, make a trip to the store so you can see more examples in person while talking to the experts.
- Chad Pohlman, Athletics Director, and Trinity Osborn, Fine Arts Department Chair, are great resources if you need extra advice or help.

More than anything, we hope you are proud to be a Grizzly. We hope this jacket is a snapshot of your high school experience and something you will keep for a very long time. Please let us know if you have questions or need help.

