



REQUIREMENTS FOR LETTERING

The provisions outlined in this policy went into effect at the beginning of the **2023–2024 school year**. These requirements and expectations **apply only from that date forward** and **will not be applied retroactively** to any actions, decisions, or circumstances that occurred prior to the effective date.

In order to promote pride and excellence in academics and athletics, and honor the commitment and dedication required to be a leader at Albuquerque Aviation Academy, students have the opportunity to earn a varsity “A” letter for the different athletic teams and activities. All letters can only be earned through hard work and determination, which require the students to exhibit an exceptional attitude and give concerted effort throughout the year. Students will be held to very high standard that exemplify the qualities of a good student and good student athlete by being a good student and/or teammate, maintaining high academic and citizenship standings, being honest and trustworthy, and demonstrating respect for teachers, staff, administration, coaches, referees/judges, opponents, teammates, fellow students and those of other participating schools (when applicable).

Students may begin working towards their Albuquerque Aviation Academy letter upon gaining membership to the athletic team or through earning academic honors.

Once the requirements to earn a letter have been met, the cost of the basic letterman jacket is the responsibility of the student. The student is also responsible for the cost of any modifications, add-ons, or upgrades to the letterman jacket. Albuquerque Aviation Academy suggests using the chosen vendor, Campus Specialities Inc., students are able to purchase their letterman jacket whenever they choose. The school will be responsible for the cost of the initial letter, initial pin and annual bars that can be earned.

Students that have earned a letter and/or pin/bar, that loses part or all of it, can pay the replacement cost as follows (prices can be updated at any time to cover the actual cost of an item):

Replacement Letters	\$10.00
Replacement Pins	\$5.00
Replacement Bars	\$5.00

If a student has previously obtained a letter for any specific sport or activities (i.e. Academic, National Honor Society, etc), and meets the requirement for another in the same area will NOT receive a second letter and/or pin, but will earn a bar that signifies they have earned multiple letters.

Good standing = Minimum 2.0 GPA and meets all the requirements set forth on Grade Check Form

Criteria for specific letters are as follows:

ALL SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

1. A student must be a high school student.
2. A student in any school sponsored program is eligible for a varsity letter if they meet any one of the following criteria:
 - a. An athlete can earn a letter at the discretion of the head coach even if established criteria is not met, depending on the athlete's commitment and contribution made to the total program and with approval from the administration. An athlete must play in the highest level of competition available at the school to be considered for a letter.
 - b. All athletes must finish the season in good standing (behavior and academic) to be eligible for a varsity letter.
 - c. A manager/statistician may be awarded a letter after three (3) years of satisfactory service.
 - d. A senior player who has participated in the program for three (3) years, has shown dedication to the program, and has made a contribution to the program, or upon the head coach's recommendation.

ACADEMIC LETTER

To earn an Academic Letter, a high school student must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 on the 4.0 scale for 3 consecutive semesters at Albuquerque Aviation Academy (majority of courses including all core subjects must have been completed at Albuquerque Aviation Academy) in high school (middle school GPA's will not be considered). Grade Point Averages from other other schools will not be accepted or considered in academic lettering at Albuquerque Aviation Academy.

ARCHERY

1. To earn an archery letter, a student must:
 - a. Submit a letter of intent to the lead coach, signed by the archer and parents, no later than the first day of school in the month of September.
 - b. Active archery member, attending at least two (2) practices weekly (when applicable) unless absence is excused, preferable in advance. Missed practices and tournaments must be excused by a coach. Missed practices can be made up in advance by scoring a complete round(s) prior to absence, with approval and sign off by a coach. Sickness and conflict with other school related activities will be the only tolerated excuse for missing practice, unless otherwise communicated to a coach.
 - c. Must attend and compete in all planned Team tournaments.
 - d. Goal sheets must be completed and approved by the lead coach and submitted to a coach no later than the beginning of the second full week of September.
 - e. Journals will be submitted weekly to the coach (coach will assign the day). Short writing assignments are required to participate in the letter program.

AVIATION

To earn a letter, a student must have successfully obtained his or her Private or Recreational Pilot Certificate while a participant in the Albuquerque Aviation Academy aviation program. Certificates earned outside of Albuquerque Aviation Academy will not be considered.

BASKETBALL

A player must be eligible and have participated in at least 2/3 of the games played during a single season.

CHEERLEADING

A cheerleader must be eligible and have participated in at least 2/3 of the activities cheerleading attends during a single school year.

DRONES

To earn a letter, a student must have successfully obtained his or her Remote (Drone) Pilot Certificate while a participant in the Albuquerque Aviation Academy aviation program and enrolled in the Drones course. Certificates earned outside of Albuquerque Aviation Academy will not be considered.

FLAG FOOTBALL

A player must be eligible and have participated in at least 2/3 of the games played during a single season.

HOT AIR BALLOONING

To earn a letter, a student must have successfully passed his or her FAA Lighter-Than-Air (Balloon) Knowledge Exam and participated in the Hot Air Balloon course at least once during their enrollment at Albuquerque Aviation Academy.

SOCCER

A player must be eligible and have participated in at least 2/3 of the games played during a single season.

STUDENT COUNCIL

To earn a Letter in Student Council, a student must be enrolled, in good standing academically and regularly attend (more than 90% attendance during each semester) the Student Council elective class for an entire year and participate in all Student

Council sponsored activities totalling a minimum of 20 hours of extra-curricular participation.

VOLLEYBALL

A player must be eligible and have participated in at least 2/3 of the games played during a single season.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

To earn a letter, a high school student must be an active member for one year in the National Honor Society, meeting all the eligibility requirements for National Honor Society.