

## Earning Points Toward a Letter and/or Stars

Each year, every member of the Decatur High School Band has the opportunity to letter. To earn a letter the student must accumulate a total of fifteen points. After lettering, the student may earn a star by earning a like number of points.

Points are carried forward from year to year. For example, if the student earns 17 points the freshman year, that student will letter as a freshman and carry 2 points over to the sophomore year. That leaves 13 points to earn the sophomore year to get a star. Letters and stars are awarded at the Spring Awards Banquet or Spring concert if a banquet is not held. The following list shows how points are earned:

| EVENT   | POINTS EARNED |
|---|---------------|
| <i>All-State Band</i>   |               |
| Junior High All-State (9 <sup>th</sup> grade only)                                | 7             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> chair in Junior High All-State                                    | 2             |
| <br>  |               |
| Blue Band   | 7             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> chair in Blue Band  | 2             |
| <br>  |               |
| White Band  | 9             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> chair in White Band   | 3             |
| <br>  |               |
| Red Band  | 12            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> chair in Red Band   | 4             |
| <br>  |               |
| Alternate (if you don't play)   | 3             |
| <br>  |               |
| Tried out for All-State Band  | 1/2           |
| <br>  |               |
| <i>District Solo &amp; Ensemble</i>   |               |
| Solo – 1 <sup>st</sup> Division   | 5             |
| Solo – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Division   | 3             |
| Ensemble – 1 <sup>st</sup> Division   | 3             |
| Ensemble – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Division   | 2             |
| <br>  |               |
| <i>Honor Bands</i> (points for each honor band)                                   | 3             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> chair in Honor Band (points for each honor band)                  | 1             |
| <br>  |               |
| <i>Each year in Senior Band</i>   | 1/2           |
| <br>  |               |
| <i>Section Leaders</i>  |               |
| Marching Season   | 1             |
| Concert Season  | 1             |
| Drum Major  | 5             |
| Guard Captain and Co-Captain  | 2             |
| <br>  |               |
| <i>State Band Competition</i> (if band makes a Superior)                          | 1             |
| <i>All City Music Festival</i>  | 1             |
| <i>Jazz Band</i>  | 1             |
| <i>Winter Guard-A</i>   | 4             |
| <i>Winter Guard – B</i>   | 1             |
| <i>Indoor Drumline – Competitive</i>  | 4             |
| <i>Indoor Drumline – Non-Competitive</i>  | 1             |
| <i>Drum Corps International -Trying Out</i>                                       | 1             |
| Making DCI  | 5             |
| <br>  |               |
| All A+'s in band and no sectionals missed (guard receives 6)                      | 12            |
| (Missed sectionals can be made up for the grade, but not for points for a letter) |               |

**DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL BAND**

**Points Earned Toward Letter Star**  
**15 points - Letter.....15 points - Star**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

| Events                                     |           |  | Fresh. | Soph. | Junior | Senior |
|--|-----------|--|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| <b>All-State Band</b>                      |           |  |        |       |        |        |
| Blue Band                                  | 7 points  | 1st chair - 2 points   |        |       |        |        |
| White Band                                 | 9 points  | 1st chair - 3 points   |        |       |        |        |
| Red Band                                   | 12 points | 1st chair - 4 points   |        |       |        |        |
| Alternate                                  | 3 points  |  |        |       |        |        |
| Tried Out                                  | 1/2 point |  |        |       |        |        |
| Jr. All-State Band                         | 7 points  | 1st chair - 2 points   |        |       |        |        |
| <b>District Solo &amp; Ensemble</b>        |           |  |        |       |        |        |
| Solo                                       | 5 points  | 1st division   |        |       |        |        |
| Solo                                       | 3 points  | 2nd division   |        |       |        |        |
| Ensemble                                   | 3 points  | 1st division   |        |       |        |        |
| Ensemble                                   | 2 points  | 2nd division   |        |       |        |        |
| AL Honor Band                              | 3 points  | 1st chair - 1 point  |        |       |        |        |
| Reading Band                               | 3 points  | 1st chair - 1 point  |        |       |        |        |
| Other Honor Bands                          | 3 points  | 1st chair - 1 point  |        |       |        |        |
| Senior Band                                | 1/2 point |  |        |       |        |        |
| State Band Competition                     | 1 point   | (if band makes superior)                                       |        |       |        |        |
| All-City Music Festival                    | 1 point   |  |        |       |        |        |
| Jazz Band                                  | 1 point   |  |        |       |        |        |
| Indoor Drumline-Non Competitive            | 1 point   |  |        |       |        |        |
| Indoore Drumline - Competitive             | 4 points  |  |        |       |        |        |
| Winter Guard - A                           | 4 points  |  |        |       |        |        |
| Winter Guard - B                           | 1 point   |  |        |       |        |        |
| <b>Drum Corps International</b>            |           |  |        |       |        |        |
| Tried Out                                  | 1 point   |  |        |       |        |        |
| Making a Corps                             | 5 points  |  |        |       |        |        |
| <b>Section Leaders</b>                     |           |  |        |       |        |        |
| Marching Season                            | 1 point   |  |        |       |        |        |
| Concert Season                             | 1 point   |  |        |       |        |        |
| Drum Major                                 | 5 points  |  |        |       |        |        |
| Guard Captain/Co-Captain                   | 2 points  |  |        |       |        |        |
| All A+'s in Band with no sectionals missed | 12 points | ***(guard only gets 6 points for this section-marching season) |        |       |        |        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                              |           |  |        |       |        |        |

I have earned enough points for the following: Letter: \_\_\_\_\_, # of Stars: \_\_\_\_\_, # Points: \_\_\_\_\_. Have you lettered prior to this year? \_\_\_\_\_ # of Stars received to this date NOT counting what's listed above: \_\_\_\_\_