Meridian Lettering & Letter Jacket
Frequently Asked Questions

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Basic Information
All juniors and seniors have the privilege of purchasing a letter jacket.

All sophomores can order their letter jackets in the spring to be worn starting the fall of their junior year.

High school students who letter in a Meridian extra-curricular activity can purchase a letter jacket as well. They may also purchase an "M" patch insert or a jacket sleeve patch representing the activity in which they lettered.

Jacket sleeve patches and "M" patch inserts representing extra-curricular activities for which Meridian has lettering qualifications are reserved for those students who letter in that extra-curricular activity.

Jackets have a base cost of $48, which includes the Meridian "M", and if the student lettered in an activity they can have a symbol for that activity inset on the “M”. Additional patches can be added for an upgrade price.

If a student letters in an activity, they can purchase a patch representing that activity when ordering the jacket. Alternatively, if they already own a Meridian letter jacket, they can purchase the patch separately and add it on themselves or pay Herff Jones to do it for them.

To qualify to letter, students must meet the Lettering Requirements for that extra-curricular activity. Please find the Fall 2018 Lettering Requirements here.

1. What are the qualifications to purchase a letter jacket?
All juniors and seniors may purchase a letter jacket. Sophomores may purchase a letter jacket in the spring to be worn starting the fall of their junior year.

Other high school students who lettered in a Meridian activity at some point during their 9th through 12th grade year may purchase a letter jacket as well.

2. What does it take to letter in an activity?
Please see Fall 2018 Lettering Requirements here. (Spring 2019 Lettering Requirements will be available in early 2019.)

3. In what activities can a student letter?
Though there are some exceptions, most activities in which a student can letter at Meridian are competitive. The activities in which a student might be able to letter are:

- Art
- Band
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Dance Team
- Model United Nations
- National Honor Society
4. How can a student find out if he or she lettered in an activity?
Contact the activity sponsor (or coach, for sports).

5. If juniors or seniors have not lettered in any activity but expect to later this year, should they order letter jackets now, or will there be another opportunity?
There will be another fitting in the late spring, for jackets to be worn next year. Alternatively, a student can simply visit the vendor for a fitting and to order a jacket. This can be done at any time, and it takes six to eight weeks to receive the letter jacket.

6. Will we have opportunity later to purchase patches?
Patches can be purchased from the letter jacket vendor when the letter jacket is initially purchased. Please see the Jacket Sleeve Patches brochure, Jacket Patch Options and Jacket Patch Options Explained documents for more information.

7. Will the school send us a letter or somehow notify us what patches she is eligible for?
Students will be notified at the end of their extra-curricula’s season if they qualify based upon participation this year. If students believe they should have qualified but are not notified that they did, they should contact their activity sponsor (coach, if for a sport).

8. Is this the only vendor available to choose from for patches?
For the time being, yes. Again, the school will provide a separate patch to those who letter, though students are welcome to purchase a patch from the vendor.

9. How much does it cost?
$48 purchases the jacket, with an "M" patch and also an image inset on the "M" for an activity in which the student lettered. Any additional patch packages cost more.

10. Is it too late to purchase a letter jacket?
After November 15, 2018, the fall letter jacket ordering window at school is closed. There will be another fitting in the late spring, for jackets to be worn next year. Alternatively, a student can simply visit the vendor for a fitting and to order a jacket. This can be done at any time, and it takes six to eight weeks to receive the letter jacket.

11. I have a question that is not addressed here. Whom should I contact?
First, we encourage you to thoroughly review the resources on the Lettering & Letter Jacket webpage. For further clarification, email s.holcombe@mwschool.org