

NORTH KITSAP HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC LETTER

Purpose

To promote and recognize academic excellence in the student body of North Kitsap High School.

General Guidelines

The North Kitsap High School Academic Letter is an award given in recognition of academic achievement. Service to the community and school is also required. The Academic Letter is not given based on leadership or teacher recommendation.

Requirements

- Students who have attended NKHS for at least three semesters (either consecutive or non-consecutive) are eligible for this award.
- Transfer students: Two semesters with a 3.5 GPA from another high school will be accepted after completion of one semester with a 3.5 GPA at NKHS.
- Student must take a minimum of three core courses in the 9th through 12th grades.
- Student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher for at least three semesters to receive the Academic Letter. Following receipt of the letter, students may earn additional emblems if they maintain a GPA of 3.5 for remaining semesters.
- Students are responsible to complete and submit an application form, essay and an unofficial transcript to their counselor who will verify eligibility.
- Student must have served the community and/or school for at least 20 hours.
- Applications may be found in the Counseling Offices.

For the purpose of determining a GPA for the Academic Letter only, Advanced Placement courses will be weighted as follows:

A = 4.5 points	B+ = 3.8 points	C+ = 2.8 points
A- = 4.2 points	B = 3.5 points	C = 2.5 points
	B- = 3.2 points	C- = 2.2 points

Academic Letter

NK block letter and torch will be awarded in the spring of the first year of achievement followed by a bar each subsequent year.

Application Process

Students who meet requirements may apply by completing the Academic Letter Application and writing a reflection essay (200 words or less) on the meaning of their academic achievement and community service. Completed application must be submitted to counselor by deadline.

North Kitsap High School Academic Letter Application
Deadline: April 30, 2019

Applicant's Name _____ **Grade:** _____

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Criteria for Academic Letter Recognition at North Kitsap High School:

- Be a Sophomore, Junior or Senior and have attended NKHS for a minimum of one semester.
- Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, for at least three semesters while taking a minimum of three core classes in the 9th through 12th grades. (AP courses receive .5 additional weight).
- Serve the community and/or school for a minimum of 20 hours.
- Complete this application and a reflection paragraph (maximum of 200 words) on the meaning of your academic achievement and community service.
- Include an unofficial transcript along with application and essay to Mrs. Simkins in the Library.**

Please mark what you are applying for:

Initial letter, torch and bar _____ (only if you have not received a letter for athletics or band)
Initial torch and bar _____ Successive bar _____

Please check how you are verifying your community service:

Letter from supervisor _____ Certificate _____
Time card _____ Other (please specify) _____

By signing this form, I certify that I have completed the criteria for earning a North Kitsap High School Academic Letter.

Student signature _____ Date _____

GPA Verified _____ Need more information _____ Does not meet criteria _____		
Reason _____		

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Counselor Signature		Date