

Policy 909.06: Retiring Athletic Jerseys

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Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to establish a district standard for recognizing student athletes for extraordinary athletic performance while enrolled in Dallas Center-Grimes Schools, and while competing in athletics at the collegiate, military and/or professional levels after graduating from Dallas Center-Grimes.

Procedures and Eligibility Criteria: Any person may nominate a former Dallas Center-Grimes student athlete whom they believe meets eligibility criteria and are worthy of the honor.

To be considered for athletic jersey nomination, the former student athlete will be evaluated on the following criteria:

Required to meet each criterion:

1. Graduated from Dallas Center-Grimes Schools, or left the district in good standing at least six (6) years prior to the date of nomination
2. Played for Dallas Center-Grimes for at least two (2) consecutive years in high school
3. Exhibited good citizenship, sportsmanship and character while competing for Dallas Center-Grimes and after graduation
4. Attained 1st team recognition at the conference/district level for at least two (2) years; and state recognition (1st or 2nd team) for at least one (1) year during career at Dallas Center-Grimes
5. Attained recognition at the national level (nationally recognized All-American team, member of national or Olympic team) during career at Dallas Center-Grimes, or after graduating from Dallas Center-Grimes

Must meet one of the following criteria:

6. Was a school record-holder or a conference/district or state season statistical leader during career at Dallas Center-Grimes
7. Attained recognition for outstanding accomplishments in collegiate, military or professional athletics
8. Other special circumstances may be considered by the school's Jersey Retirement Committee

Completed nomination forms may be mailed or delivered in person to the Dallas Center-Grimes High School Principal. When a nomination is received, the principal will verify that it qualifies for consideration. If the nomination is recommended to move forward, a seven-member Jersey Retirement Committee will be selected by the principal, along with input from the staff and community. The committee will consist of the principal, DCG Activities Director, DCG Superintendent (or designee), a former school coach/former activities director, two community representatives, and a parent who is an active member of DCG Booster Club and/or FOFA.

A jersey retirement ceremony will be held and the jersey shall be appropriately displayed with the necessary descriptive information in the trophy area, and/or in the appropriate athletic venue.

A district standard for the format of the award (plaque, jersey, signage, etc) will be established. The person/group submitting the nomination will be responsible for the costs associated with the jersey retirement and ceremony.

The jersey number, if applicable, will continue to be used in the future. For those sports whose participants don't historically wear athletic jerseys and/or season-long assigned numbers (golf, swimming, track, etc.) the school's warm-up top or competition top for that sport, along with the appropriate identification and markings, will be used.
