

Band Grading Policy, Syllabus, and Procedures.

Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band Classes

Band is primarily a performance-based class; however, there are academic requirements that help regulate grading. Grades will be given in these categories:

- 1. Playing/ Participation Average** **50%**
 - Playing check-offs
 - Participation grades
 - Practice charts (if necessary)
 - 2. Test Average** **20%**
 - Vocabulary, Theory, Rhythm
 - Other items labeled as “test” grades
 - 3. Daily Average** **20%**
 - Notebook checks (Some announce, some unannounced)
 - Worksheets, Quizzes, Board Work, Homework
 - Other items labeled as “daily” grades
 - 4. Solo and Ensemble Participation** **10%**
 - Superior Rating = 100
 - Excellent rating = 90, etc...
 - Highest rating received will determine grade.
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Other grading factors: Late items will receive 10 point deduction for each day late. It is the student’s responsibility to set times for make-up work and it must be completed within one week of an absence. Projects, homework, etc. are still due the day student returns without penalty.

Assignments will be given out on a weekly basis. Larger projects will receive no less than one full week notice. Playing exams or projects not properly prepared will receive a rating of “NG” or “No Grade.” These will have to be re-submitted with a 10-point deduction for each retake.

General Outline:

- January-March will focus on playing techniques, sight-reading and concert literature.
- Late March-April will focus on Solo and Ensemble, Auditions, and Spring Concert.
- Late April to school’s end will focus on Spring Concert, Graduation, and Marching band.

Class Procedures:

Band is a unique discipline in that students who are enrolled choose to be there for a reason. Students are expected to be model students at all times. You represent every band member with the positive and negative things you do.

Tardy - You are tardy if you are not in the room when the bell finishes ringing. After the bell finishes you have two minutes to get your equipment and be in your seat. Manage your books to limit locker, travel time.

Trash/ Sharpening pencils/ Getting Water - Raise your hand if you need to take care of these items or handle these before/ after class. **Restroom** - Please plan your day to handle this between classes.

Disruptions/ Disrespect - WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. See student handbook for other regulations.

Items needed for class everyday: instrument, equipment, music, notebook (plastic 3 ring with pockets), #2 pencils, valve oil, and extra reeds.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____