

Band Grading Procedures

Grades in band are given every quarter and are listed on the report card. Your child will receive two grades for each quarter, one for content/knowledge and the other for behavior/participation. I will use the following areas to determine the grades:

1. Participation

Each student will start each quarter with 100 participation points. A student will only lose participation points two different ways – by misbehaving in class or by forgetting their materials for class. A student could lose up to 10 points per day for misbehaving or 10 points per day for forgetting their instrument. Students can also lose points for not having either their book, band binder or a pencil. All of these areas contribute to the overall success of the band, and this is why participation points are weighted so heavily.

2. Written Work and Quizzes

I don't anticipate a lot of written work, as I prefer to use our time to play. However, we may occasionally have some written homework or quizzes. The points possible will be determined by the assignment or quiz. Students will also receive points for returning signed permission slips for concerts, field trips, etc.

3. Playing Tests

Playing tests will be given to each student throughout the course of the year. Playing tests are an assessment of the student's ability to perform on their instrument. Playing tests can be either announced or unannounced to the students ahead of time.

4. Practice Records

Each student in band will have a **weekly** practice record that they will be accountable for. Each student is expected to practice 75 minutes a week (Monday-Sunday); the parent and student can decide how to best break this time up into smaller daily portions. The student will be expected to write down on their practice record which days they practiced and for how many minutes. These practice records must be signed by a parent and are **due the following week by Friday. Missing practice records or practice records without a parent signature will be counted as a Zero towards your student's grade.** Practice Records received after the Friday due date will count as a Zero. I will hand out a quarterly practice record log. The student should keep this log in their binder and have it signed weekly. I will be checking the practice record log at the beginning of each week.

I will be showing the students in class how to fill out their practice record. Minutes can only be added straight across on the practice record. Please do not add together minutes from different weeks. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

5. Band Concerts

Please remember that part of learning to play an instrument is also performing on that instrument in concerts. Therefore, I do expect that every band student will participate in the concerts. Your child will be receiving a grade for their participation in each band concert. Every child must also stay in attendance for the full length of the concert. Our concerts last about 30 minutes and your child will need to stay for the entire concert, to be a performer and also to support the other students performing.