

JUNIOR HIGH BAND GRADING POLICY

ACHIEVEMENT GRADE: Most of the band grade will be based on each student's quality of active participation in our twice-weekly rehearsals.

- **Students will earn five points for each successful rehearsal.** Point deductions are made for forgetting one's instrument and music. For example, students will earn three points (60%) when they forget their instrument, but only if they do not disrupt the rehearsal. Students will lose a point when they do not have their music. Students will lose a point for behaviors that aren't productive. Please check PowerSchool to monitor one's band grade.
- **Playing tests** based on sheet music or lesson material **will be assigned periodically during the quarter.** Some of these tests will need to be recorded and submitted through Google Classroom. Some playing tests will be given during the small group lesson time.
- Practice logs may be required at times. If assigned, they will be a credit/no credit grade.
- There will be **occasional assignments** like returning papers requiring a parent signature or numbering measures in music.

Students who cooperate in class, complete playing tests, regularly bring their instrument and music, and return paperwork will succeed with this grading system. Students with sub-par rehearsal etiquette or poor organizational skills will have to work harder to achieve an A grade. Developing good rehearsal habits throughout the entire band helps the band achieve more and makes band enjoyable for all.

EFFORT GRADE: The effort grade is based on the following observations: regular attendance at group lesson during the week, sincerity of effort regardless of ability, taking one's instrument home after school. To earn a "1" in effort, a student will demonstrate outstanding effort as evidenced by going beyond satisfactory participation in rehearsals, e.g., high level of focus in rehearsals, demonstrating early proficiency on one's band music, consistent small group lesson attendance, participation in optional events like Solo & Ensemble, band camps, outside of school private lessons, etc.

CONDUCT GRADE: Student behavior and cooperation are among the most important factors in the development of an excellent band. Students who exhibit inappropriate behavior, including talking at inappropriate times will receive a deduction in their conduct rating.