

WARREN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT GRADING POLICY

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians of the Instrumental Music Department,

Grading for instrumental students is based on both the group lesson and their band rehearsal/concerts with the expectation that all students will participate and practice on a regular basis. During the weekly small group lesson, students will receive individualized instruction that will directly address their playing technique and musical understanding which will help them be more successful in band classes. Due to the importance of the small group lesson to your child's progress and an approximate ratio of one lesson for every three band classes, each lesson grade will receive a higher weight than each band class.

Band class = 40%
Lesson = 40%
Concert = 10%
Scales = 5%
Assignments = 5%

1. Absence from a lesson

ACCEPTABLE EXCUSED ABSENCES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AND MUST BE CONVEYED TO THE LESSON TEACHER PRIOR TO PERIOD 1:

- Major test reviews
- Tests
- Labs
- School absence

(The student can make up a lesson by attending another lesson in the same week in their grade level with prior approval from the lesson teacher).

- **For shorter evaluations (Quizzes and Graded Assessments), the students should report to their lesson upon finishing the assignment.**

If unexcused for a lesson:

The student's grade will be reduced by 25% that day for the lesson if the student has submitted a completed practice log for the week prior to the start of that school day.

If the student fails to attend lessons and has not submitted a completed practice log, it will result in a 0% grade for that lesson.

Completed practice logs include: a minimum of 3 days of practice submitted on the day of each practice session, a minimum of 75 minutes for the week, and details of what they worked on.

2. For each week the student practiced less than 75 minutes:

The student will be marked 5% off if they have completed 50-74 minutes of practice.
10% will be marked off if the student completes 25-49 minutes of practice.
15% will be marked off if the student completes 15-24 minutes of practice.
Students will receive extra credit for completing 85 minutes or more for one week.

3. For each week the student's practice log is not completed:

The student's grade will be reduced by 20% for that class.

4. For each week the student's practice does not contain detail about what they practiced:

The student's grade will be reduced by 5% for that class.

5. For each week a student forgets their materials (method book, folder, and pencil):

For each missing item, the student's grade will be reduced by 5% for that class.

6. For each week a student forgets their instrument:

The student's grade will be reduced by 20% for that class.

7. Each marking period, students will be required to perform scales and ensemble music identified by their director at a satisfactory level.

8. Student improvement from week to week will also play an important role in grading.

PLEASE NOTE

**PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE WILL BE GRADED AS A
DOUBLE TEST GRADE
(EQUAL TO 6 BAND CLASSES OR 2 LESSONS)**

WINTER CONCERT - JANUARY 11TH, 2024

SPRING CONCERT - MAY 22ND, 2024

Thank you,

Instrumental Music Department

*****PLEASE KEEP THIS GRADING POLICY FOR FUTURE REFERENCE*****

PLEASE NOTE:

By signing this contract you commit to remaining in the band for the entire school year.

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE TO THE
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

I have read the Grading Policy Sheet and fully understand the terms, conditions and consequences.

Name of student _____
(Please Print Name)

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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By signing this contract you commit to remaining in the band for the entire school year.