

Grading Requirements

Three areas will be evaluated to determine the student's band grade:

1. Classwork/Other count 30% of the grade. Completing classwork successfully includes attending class with the materials necessary for learning (instrument and music,) productive attitude, appropriate rehearsal technique, and a positive work ethic.
2. Assessments count 60% of the grade. Assessments include Performances, Playing & Written tests, and Playing and Written Assignments. Performances are scheduled in August and appear on the Band calendar. Tests will be given several times each grading period - some will be playing tests on instruments, some will be written tests on appropriate material.
3. Homework counts as 10% of the grade. Practicing the instrument is the HOMEWORK for band class. Students improve their musical skills and understanding through steady practice. Students will turn in the required Practice Record, with a parent signature, each week in order to receive homework credit.

7th and 8th graders will receive practice credit as follows:

- 120 minutes - 100 (approx. 17 minutes per day)
- 108 minutes - 90 (approx. 16 minutes per day)
- 96 minutes - 80 (approx. 14 minutes per day)
- 84 minutes - 70 (approx. 12 minutes per day)

6th graders will receive practice credit as follows:

- 100 minutes - 100
- 90 minutes - 90
- 80 minutes - 80
- 70 minutes - 70

Practice records must be signed by a parent/guardian. Practice records are due each Friday. Late practice records will be accepted up to one week after the original due date (the following Friday.) Your child will submit a new practice record each week. They will be available in the bandroom, or online at the band website. Please monitor your child's practice and sign the practice record weekly.