

## - - - - - ***Grading Policies ~ 5<sup>th</sup> and MS Bands*** - - - - -

A student's grade in band is a balanced reflection of musical achievement, technical skill on an instrument, participation in band activities, and effort both in class and at home. The grade is made up of five different factors.

- i. **Rehearsal Grade:** Each day, every student will earn a grade (5pts) based on the following:
  - i. Preparedness: Students will have **instrument, music, pencil, book**, and will have prepared/practiced assigned music.
  - ii. Full Participation: Students will fully engage in rehearsal.
    - i. *\*To fully participate, instruments must be kept clean and in good working condition at all times\**
  - iii. Promptness: Be on time, **class starts 3 min. after the bell**. Loss of points for tardiness.
  - iv. Conduct/Citizenship: Students are expected to demonstrate a positive Christian attitude, as well behave with proper respect toward fellow band members, school property, and directors.
- ii. **Quizzes/Tests/Homework:** Written/Playing, Aural Skills, and Small Group Lessons
  - i. Playing tests will be graded based on each child's skill development, and a grading rubric will be
    - i. provided prior to each test.
  - ii. Written and Aural quizzes will consist of ear training as well as musical vocabulary, composer recognition, and music theory knowledge.
  - iii. Written and practicing homework assignments will be posted on RenWeb(MS Bands) and/or on the "notes" section of bi-weekly practice cards (5<sup>th</sup> Band).
  - iv. We treat the weekly small group lessons as "quizzes" to grade effort and improvement.
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- iii. **Practice Cards:** Practicing is the most important thing you can do to improve musicianship.
  - i. Typically due every 2 weeks throughout the school year.
  - ii. There will be a 10% deduction for each school day a card is late. After 2 days, it will become a zero. A late card results in a loss of any extra practice minutes.
  - iii. Weekly lessons do not count towards minutes. Jazz club does.
  - iv. Cards must be signed by a parent to be accepted.
- iv. **Performance Attendance:** Performances are our major tests and exams.
  - i. Concerts constitute up to 25% of each student's grade.
  - ii. Please see "Performance Expectations" document on our website for specific requirements.
  - iii. Please also mark performance dates now.
- v. **Weekly Lesson:**
  1. Weekly Lesson is worth **15 points**.
  2. Please see your teacher if you miss a lesson.