

# MHS Concert Bands - 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Quarterly Grading/Expectations

## 1. Performance/Rehearsal Points

REHEARSAL RUBRIC: default 5 daily points (50% of grade)

1 point - Playing with correct posture

1 point - Using all necessary instrument/music parts

1 point - Meeting the performance professionalism standards (conduct, punctuality)

2 points - Playing the music correctly

PERFORMANCE RUBRIC: 50 points (40% of grade) - Concerts and playing tests.

10 points - Playing with correct posture

10 points - Using all necessary instrument/music parts

10 points - Meeting the performance professionalism standards (conduct, punctuality)

20 points - Playing the music correctly

PRACTICE SHEETS: 50 points (5% of grade) - Students may practice after school in the band room or at home if they wish. A director signature is required on a practice sheet when practicing at school and a parent signature is required on it for practicing at home. Each practice session should be at least 30 minutes and at least 2.5 hours of practice must be completed and verified to earn 5%. Keep in mind, 30 minutes of practice = 1%.

2. **Student Choice Assignment** - students obtain remaining 5% by selecting 1 of the following options. For those students in need of earning back points, please use the Practice Sheet option A.

A. Extra Practice percentage points can be earned. 1% per 30 minutes.

B. Paper on any musical topic you choose. This may be about a specific composer, band, musical artist, music in band, instruments, etc. This paper should be somewhat informational but mainly presented from an appreciation standpoint. The length should be 5 full pages and should include sources. See directors for ideas and have your topic approved.

C. Concert Music Practice Guides. 5 must be completed. See handout for reference. They MUST be detailed.

D. Private Lessons. Lesson teacher submit note by final day of quarter.

E. Extra Ensemble performances. Need verification by end of the quarter.

F. Concert Review. Attend 2 instrumental music concerts and complete a concert review form for both. Please include your program.

G. Project related either to the literature being performed or practiced in band or having to do with concert band or instruments. This project is entirely up to the student. Creativity in how the project is completed is highly encouraged. Have your idea approved.

H. iPod Mix. Students should compile a TOP 20 of their favorite music songs, write notes for each track on what it is, who's it by, and WHY it's representative of some of their favorite music.

I. Solo & Ensemble Help. Be a helper the day of Solo & Ensemble (3rd Quarter only).

J. Room Cleanup. Assist each day with putting away classroom materials.

## Classroom Expectations - Positive Participation and Behavior

Students are expected to actively participate, listen when teacher speaks, and raise a hand to speak. No extraneous or negative noises, comments, conversations, outbursts, or arguments will be tolerated. Respect will be given by the student to other students, the teacher, and all materials within the classroom. Cell phone use will only be tolerated in the case of emergencies or for any application, such as a tuner, fingering chart, or metronome.

## Materials

Each student is required to have his/her instrument, all music, and a pencil in class each day. All music will be provided to each student. It is the student's responsibility to have it everyday. Lost music will result in the student replacing (purchasing) another original copy. Instruments are required everyday unless otherwise instructed by the director. School instruments are school property and must be used with care and returned in the same condition as they were when issued. ALL instruments must be taken apart properly, cleaned, and stored in their cases in their lockers. Failure to do so will result in loss of points. Take care of your/our equipment.

## Performances

All performances are mandatory. ONLY illnesses, emergencies, and religious events will be excused. If a student has an excused absence, they may make up their grade for the concert by playing for the teacher. If it is an unexcused absence, only a portion of the grade can be earned back by playing for the teacher.

## Concert Dress

Students are expected to adhere to Concert Dress rules. For the Spring Band concert, Seniors traditionally dress, however, Concert Dress rules are still expected. Failure to do so, by the concert Call-Time, will result in being excluded from the concert and receiving a 0% in the grade book for the concert. A make-up performance will be treated as an unexcused absence and only 50% of the grade can be earned back by playing for the teacher.

### Concert Dress Rules:

1. Note, the suitable length for dresses or skirts is such: when sitting down, dresses and skirts must cover one's knees. If it doesn't, it must go to at least the length of fingertips and the student must wear thick black leggings.

2. Students should wear black and/or white dress clothes only. Wind Ensemble will wear all black.

3. No tennis shoes, shorts.

4. Tall black socks only.