

TC Middle School Band

Gr. 7&8 Grading Policy 2011-12

Every student will earn their grade in band. Grades will be posted on Power School for all assignments, and students may discuss their grades or missing assignments with the director at any time during the quarter.

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35% - Daily Participation

Each student may earn three points per rehearsal for having their instrument, sheet music, and a pencil. Students may lose points by forgetting to bring those items to class *OR* for misbehaving in class, talking out of turn, chewing gum, being disrespectful, excessive tardiness, phone use, or any behavior that detracts from rehearsal.

15% - Practice Charts

All students must practice on their own to do well in band. Students enrolled in band must practice 75 minutes per week. Private lessons taken *outside* of band rehearsals do count toward the 75 minute requirement.

Practice charts can be submitted two ways: electronically (preferred) or on paper. A Template can be downloaded at timothyband.com by clicking on the "practice charts" link. Students will be allowed two missed practice charts per quarter, and practice charts will not be required the week of performances.

30% - Playing tests

Students will perform playing tests on a variety of material each quarter. The tests may consist of scales, excerpts from our literature, etudes, and other material assigned by the director. Students will receive performance materials in advance of the tests to allow for practice.

10% - Written Assignments

There will be written assignments each quarter, such as small quizzes, reflection statements, or other brief assignments. All written assignments will be completed in class.

10% - Performances

Every band member is important to the ensemble. Our band will sound its best when all members actively contribute to the group. It is of utmost importance that the instrumentation of the group be complete at all public performances. The band concert dates will be distributed in the first two weeks of class. Excused absences from concerts include illness or medical/family emergency, and the student will have a written assignment to make up the points. Sports and other extra-curricular activities are not excuses for missing concerts.