

# Band Grading Policy 2010-11

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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## **20% - Participation, Informal Assessments**

Each student must attend rehearsal every day with his/her instrument, sheet music, and a pencil. Students are also expected to be respectful of the director and other ensemble members, refrain from talking, and should contribute to a positive rehearsal atmosphere.

## **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% - 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](http://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.

## **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.

## **30% - 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.