

EVALUATION AND GRADING POLICY: Marching Band

I. DAILY PRACTICE & PERFORMANCE: 40% of Final Grade:

Students begin the year with 100 points in this category. Unexcused absences, tardies, or cuts are subtracted from 100 points.

REHEARSALS & ACTIVITIES

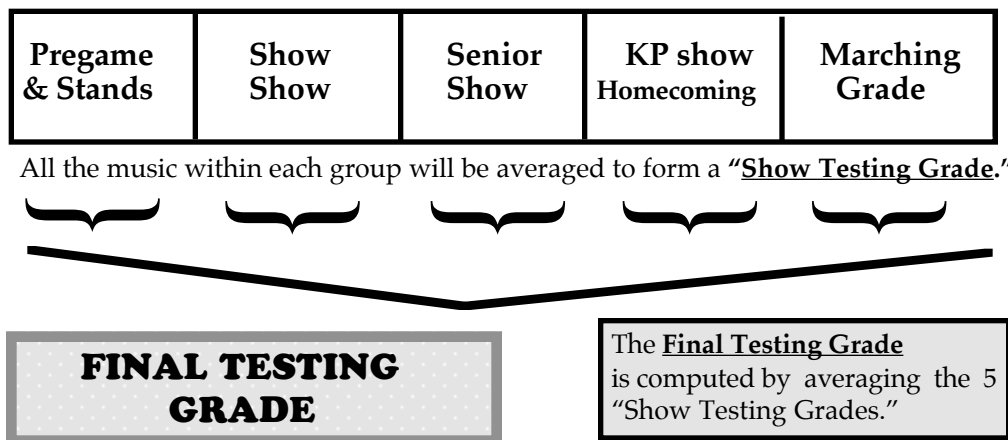
Unexcused absence or Cuts	-10 pts
Unexcused absence: Sectionals	- 5 pts
Tardies	- 3 pts
Excused but late	-3 to -5

PERFORMANCES

Unexcused Absence or Cuts	-50
Excused but late:	-10 to -25

II. TESTS & QUIZZES: 40% of Final Grade (Written and or Playing Exams)

During marching band season music will be tested from memory in front of squad leader, section leaders or director. If a student passes the piece on time, the student will receive an "A". The piece must be played accurately with correct style, dynamics and articulations. The week after a song has been performed, the highest grade that can be received is a "B." Each week following the performance date lowers the grade by one letter. Failure to pass a song will result in a 0. Students are encouraged to **ATTEMPT** to pass every piece. An attempt is considered a "good try" but contains too many mistakes to be considered a pass. Attempts will be recorded as 50%. Students may still try to pass with a letter grade until the end of the grading period. With the lowest grade being a 55%. It is important that the students stay up to date on the testing schedule and **ATTEMPT** each song on time. There might not be extra time at the end of the season for additional testing time. Not attempting songs will seriously impact on the Final Testing Grade. Marching grades may also be included into each show grade. Here is a sample of our grading procedure.



III. PARTICIPATION GRADES: 20% of Final Grade

Students begin the year with 100 points in this category. Participation infractions will be subtracted from 100 points.

Cooperation, interest, and enthusiasm is a must for a band to function at its best. The participation grade is based upon the student's attitude, behavior and willingness to learn. Marching band inspection demerits will be given for uniform infractions (dirty gloves, shoes, spats, unhemmed pants, wrinkled uniforms). Each demerit subtracts 1 point from the Participation grade.

No Instrument:	-10	Uniform Violations	-1 for each violation
No Music:	- 5	Discipline Infractions	- 5 to -10 for each violation.
Not Prepared for class	- 5		
Missing Equipment	- 5	(Reeds, Mouthpiece, Neck Strap, Lyre, Pencil, etc.)	