

Criteria for Your Grade in Band

You will receive an academic grade for band (A,B,C,D,F), on your report card, as well as a written comment or two that I will choose. Your grade will be determined by the following criteria:

- Summative Assessment (75%) Rehearsal Participation and Preparedness: Students will receive 1 point for each day that they are participating with their instrument and music (totaling 5 points each week). If a student forgets their instrument/music they lose their point for that day. Additionally, excessive talking, tardiness, or poor behavior will result in a loss of 3 points for each offense, which will be averaged into their weekly grade.
- Summative Assessment (75%) Attendance and Playing. I will notify you of any performances we have well in advance, so that you can make plans to be there. We depend on each and every member to attend performances, in order for our performances to be successful. **Attendance at performances is part of your grade.** Also, throughout the year, I will ask you to play a required scale, rudiment, or part of a piece for me as a playing test. This gives me a chance to see how you are progressing. It also helps determine seating.
- Formative Assessment (25%) Homework/Classwork. Written classwork and homework may be given at any time and will also be averaged into your final grade for the semester.

Grading a subject like Band is a difficult thing, but with these tools of assessment, I truly feel that I can grade each student fairly. Every student will know exactly where they stand, what is expected of them, and what they need to do in order to get an excellent grade. I am always available if there is ever a concern or question regarding one's grade in band.

Sincerely,
Ms. Olivier
colivier@mansd.org

Please complete and turn in no later than Monday, September 18, 2023

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

