Grading for Band

4th Grade and 5th Grade - Band members receive a standards-based learning grade for band class. We do not assign a grade in the first trimester for the 4th-grade band.

RMS Bands - Band members receive a standards-based learning grade for band class. Band is a part of the curriculum; therefore, band members in grades six through eight are graded each trimester. The bulk of the assessment is through our audition. Auditions at RMS are for progress monitoring and part assignments. Auditions are not to be in the band. All students who want to participate in the band can be in the band.

Priority Standard for Band: *Perform a musical selection with technical skill and expression.*

Here is the general rubric:

- **Level 3 – Secure (mastering the standard)**
  - Performs the musical selection accurately with consistent tone, correct notes/rhythms, and appropriate dynamics.
  - Demonstrates clear phrasing and expressive interpretation that reflects the style of the music.

- **Level 2 – Approaching the Standard**
  - Performs the musical selection with mostly correct notes/rhythms but occasional errors in accuracy or tone.
  - Shows some awareness of dynamics and phrasing, but expression may be inconsistent.

- **Level 1 – Beginning**
  - Performs the musical selection with frequent errors in notes, rhythms, or tone quality.
  - Shows little or no evidence of dynamics, phrasing, or expressive interpretation.

In general… required class materials are essential for efficient rehearsals. Being prepared for class and rehearsals requires some planning. Students are expected to attend rehearsals with the following materials:

1. Instrument and music (books for 4th/5th grade)
2. Chromebook
3. Pencil – PLEASE BRING A PENCIL TO REHEARSAL!