



Newport High School Bands

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NHS BANDS AND PERCUSSION GRADING POLICY

This policy applies to All Newport High School Bands and Percussion:

The expectations for each individual in our performing groups are very high. Being a member of a performing ensemble demands a personal commitment from everyone involved, therefore, commitment is one of our expectations. We also expect to see positive development in the areas of performing ability and music theory, as well as personal growth in the areas of discipline, responsibility, dedication to the group(s) and the ability to work within the group to achieve common goals.

Letter Grade

Your letter grade will be based on the evaluation of your technical facility improvement, performance grades, punctuality, attitude/classroom behavior, quizzes and assigned work. The percentage breakdown will be as follows:

Daily Classroom Responsibilities/Assignments 35% / 4 pts. per day / 360 per Semester

Punctuality – Preparedness - Technical Improvement - Attitude/Classroom Behavior. The evaluation of your day-to-day improvement based on attendance/tardies, playing tests, spot checks and general observations of your preparedness and effort. Attitude/Behavior refers to students' classroom actions, as evaluated by teacher observation of directions given, and the student's ability to visually and verbally support the goals of the group.

Performance Grade 25% / 100 pt. scale given for every performance

The evaluation of your achievement of the "Rules and Expectations for Performance" for all NHS Band concerts and performances. Performances are evaluated and weighed against the total grade.

Activity/Rehearsal Grade 20% / 100 pt. scale given for every activity/rehearsal

The evaluation of your achievement of expectations for participation in activities and rehearsals that occur during tutorial and outside the normal school day. Extra curricular activities and rehearsals are evaluated and weighed against the total grade.

Quizzes/Tests (played or written) 20% / 100 pt. scale given for every quiz/test

At least twice per quarter, a test will be given to assess your knowledge of the subject matter, or ability to play a predetermined selection of music (example: memorized section for marching band, scale tests, section of your concert literature, district written musical period assessment).

A = 90 to 100%
B = 80 to 90 %
C = 70 to 80%
D = 60 to 70%
F = below 60%

You will receive a raw score for each of the graded areas. These three scores will be calculated to make a total percent that will be used to determine your final letter grade based on the following scale:

Attendance/Punctuality Reminder

1. Success as a band will only happen when all members are present at all rehearsals and performances. Band members will have their overall grade affected by their attendance and punctuality.
2. Any unexcused absence may have the effect of lowering the student's grade by as much as 10% (one letter grade)
3. Absences and tardies will be handled as they pertain to the school attendance policy in addition to the procedures outlined here. Absences from performances may require a make up assignment to be completed at the direction of the teacher.
4. There will be no excused absences from performances except in extreme cases (family emergency, religion) that must be handled and excused directly through me, including a signed note from the parents or guardians.
5. Excused absences from performances, other than emergencies, must be arranged at the earliest possible date prior to the performance in order to best prepare the ensemble for the student's absence, and must also include a note from the parents.