

How do I **EARN** my grade in Concert Band & Wind Ensemble?

Rehearsals: approximately 57% of final trimester grade
(19 to 22 rehearsals per trimester)

Private Lessons: approx. 10 % of final trimester grade
(6 to 8 lesson per trimester)

Practice Time (homework for band): approx. 10% of final grade
(minimum of 80 minutes of practice time each week)

Playing Exam (1st trimester) or Performances (2nd/3rd Trimester): approx. 16% of final trimester grade

Materials: approx. 5% of final trimester grade
(5 to 6 random checks per trimester)

Written Work: approx. 2 % of final trimester grade

Rehearsals: approx. 57% of final trimester grade

- **30 points earned for each rehearsal:** Arriving on time, individual behavior and individual effort greatly affect the progress and development of the entire group. Therefore, tardiness, observation of lack of effort and/or disruptive behavior in class may lower points earned at each rehearsal.

Private Lessons: approx. 10 % of final trimester grade

- **20 points earned for each lesson attended.**

Practice Time: approx. 10% of final grade

- Band students are expected to practice a minimum of 80 minutes each week and document said practice time on a monthly practice time sheets with parent signatures next to each week of practice. Three monthly practice time sheets are due each trimester with indicated due dates for each month. Practice time sheets can be accessed electronically at <http://www.sthubert.org/school/band-choir.html> if the student loses his/her copy throughout the month. **Practice sheets must be turned in the BAND BASKET BEFORE 4PM on the due date to be considered on time.** Practice sheets should stay in each students' band binder throughout the month and may be checked by Mrs. Meenk at any time. **40 points earned per month (10 points earned per week) for a total of 120 points earned for the trimester.**

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Playing Exam (1st trimester) or Performances (2nd/3rd Trimester): approx. 16% of final trimester grade

200 points earned each trimester.

- **Playing exam:** Playing Exam material is announced within the third week of full band rehearsals. Students have the remaining weeks to prepare and perform exam material for his/her lesson teacher at the lesson time of his/her choice. Students are assessed using a rubric and may earn up to 200 points.
- **Concert Performance (Christmas/Spring):** Students may earn up to 200 points for each performance. Students earn points by arriving on time for concert, demonstrating appropriate performance etiquette (posture, concert dress, behavior on stage), demonstrating appropriate audience behavior (i.e. applauding at appropriate times, not talking during performance, keeping feet and hands to one's self, only using the bathroom if it's an emergency etc.), and performing on stage to the best of his/her ability.

Materials: approx. 5% of final trimester grade

- Random checks of necessary materials will be performed throughout the trimester. At **EVERY** rehearsal **EVERY** band student needs the following to earn his/her **10 points for that material grade:**
- Instrument *with* case clearly labeled with his/her name-2pts.
- 3-ring BINDER *with* plastic sheet protectors labeled *with* his/her name- 3pts.
- All band music that has been distributed, neatly stored in the plastic sheet protectors in the band binder- 2 pts.
- Monthly Practice Sheet, neatly stored in the plastic sheet protector in the band binder- 1 pt.
- Lesson Book- 1 pt.
- Varsity Band- The Yamaha Advantage Book 1
- Concert Band & Wind Ensemble- The Yamaha Advantage Book 2
- Pencil- NOT a pen, marker, or other writing utensil. The pencil is used to mark the band music.- 1 pt.

Written Work: approx. 2% of final trimester grade.

- **25-30 points earned each trimester.**

“DON'T MAKE EXCUSES, MAKE IMPROVEMENTS.”