



Evansville North High School Instrumental Music Grading Policy



Band and Orchestra are **co-curricular classes**. Rehearsals and performances that occur outside of the normal school day are also considered in the evaluation of your grade for the class. It is imperative that the student understand his/her responsibilities to other members of the organization. These responsibilities include attendance at rehearsals and especially for performances, punctuality, reliability, cooperation, good effort, good attitude, and command of your musical part or assignment.

Your grade for the class will be based upon: I. Participation in rehearsals and performances, II. Assignments, and written/playing exams, and III. Conduct. Points will be assigned to these content areas. The grading scale will be as follows: A = 90-100% B = 80-90% C = 70-80% D = 60-70% F = below 60% The final exam grade will count 20% toward the semester grade.

I. Participation in Rehearsals and Performances: Obviously, this category will be given the most weight. A performance is like a test, however, it cannot be made up or re-scheduled as in another subject. For this reason, it is imperative that you be in attendance at all rehearsals and performances. An unexcused absence from any performance will automatically lower your grade for the grading period by 2 letters. Two unexcused absences will result in an “F” for that grading period. Valid excuses include: (1) an illness confining the student to home, (2) a death in the family, (3) a previously scheduled school sponsored event, (4) a religious holiday (NOT church services!) **WORK IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE EXCUSE!** All excuses must be submitted in writing at least 7 days prior to the absence, unless it is an unforeseen circumstance. The reason should include: A. date of the absence, B. reason of the absence, C. student signature, D. parent/guardian signature. In unforeseen circumstances, a phone call to the director is expected. An excessive number of missed rehearsals or performances may lead to expulsion from the class. Tardiness will also be watched carefully. You will be expected to be on time to class, outside rehearsals, and performances.

II. Assignments, Written, and Playing Tests: In addition to our rehearsal of music, you will be given occasional assignments/worksheets, written tests over these assignments, and playing tests. Grades will be averaged for this category.

III. Conduct: A student’s attitude toward the class is important. Each member is expected to act responsibly and to be dependable. Remember, band and orchestra students work together as a team. You must be reliable and give your best at all times. Proper care of music and equipment is also expected.

On the reverse side is the EVSC Co-Curricular Policy