

HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL BAND GRADING

Lessons

Purpose: To evaluate preparedness and teach musical skills and techniques that are specific to each instrument or section.

- Students are required to sign up for lessons during the semester.
- *Every student is expected to come prepared for each lesson to ensure adequate progress.*
- The directors' schedules for lessons are posted on the windows outside the band room. Students will be expected to sign-up for a lesson once every lesson cycle (approx. every 9 school days).
- *In an attempt to encourage regular lesson attendance during the course of a semester, and to alleviate make-up scheduling "congestion" at the end of the semester, students are strongly encouraged to get in the habit of signing up and attending lessons early in the cycle.* Occasionally, a sectional may be scheduled in place of a lesson.
- Students may study privately outside of HHS and still receive credit towards their HHS band grade. These students must document private lessons with a LESSON VERIFICATION form that can be obtained from the band directors or off the HHS web site. The HHS band directors retain the right to refuse this outside credit if improvement is not observed.
- The directors reserve the right to refuse credit for a lesson if improvement is not observed. Students will then be required to make up the unprepared lesson.

Performances

Purpose: To evaluate musical progress and share your musical talents with friends and family.

- Concerts are an important tool used to evaluate musical progress. In order to receive full credit for a concert performance, students must be on time, wear the proper attire, be respectful audience members and participate musically with their best etiquette and effort.
- **See the band website section "Performance Schedule" for the current performance schedule.**

Class Assignments and Assessments - Written & Performance

Purpose: To expand and evaluate a student's knowledge of musical concepts, vocabulary, theory, history and performance skills.

- Throughout each semester there will be written assignments and quizzes.
- At the end of each semester there will be a final exam covering material learned from the assignments, quizzes and information learned from daily rehearsals.
- Playing tests may include scales, etudes, rhythm exercises, lesson book exercises or musical excerpts. Playing tests will be evaluated for note/rhythmic accuracy, articulation/sticking, tone, technique, dynamics, range and musicianship.
- **Assignments for your band may be listed in the "Assignments/Materials" section of the band website.**

Daily Participation and Deportment

Purpose: To evaluate each student's personal responsibilities as a band member.

- To ensure musical growth, students are expected to participate with their best effort every day.
- Since band is a participation class, students need to be present and on time for rehearsals.
- Students must come to class prepared with the necessary materials every day.
- Students are expected to observe the podium rule.
- Students will keep the band room free of gum, pop, candy & food. (water is permissible)

Grading Scale

A = 94% and higher	A- = 90%	
B+ = 88%	B = 84%	B- = 80%
C+ = 78%	C = 74%	C- = 70%
D+ = 68%	D = 64%	D- = 60%