

Grading Policy

Grading Scale (Based on total points)

92 - 100% = A 82 - 91% = B 72 - 81% = C 62 - 71% = D Under 62% = F

Preparation and Performances

Preparation Points – 5 points each. Awarded during the week for being prepared (pencil, notebook, music) for rehearsals.

Lessons – 25 points per lesson (not counted if excused/absent). Important material is covered during lessons. Students are responsible to complete a lesson excuse form signed by a teacher or parent and attempt to reschedule lessons if missed.

Performances – 300 points per event. Performances are **required**. If a student must miss a performance, he must complete a make-up assignment related to the music we rehearsed for that concert. A second choice is writing a 100-word essay describing an attended live musical performance. This can include an ensemble at WIU, one's church, another school group, etc. The assignment must be turned in before the end of the missed performance quarter.

Assessments

Playing Tests – 25 points each. Up to four tests will be administered each quarter. Performed during lessons, these are used to determine section seating and individual progress in the following areas:

1. Notation accuracy (key signature, accidentals)
2. Rhythmic accuracy (durations, rests)
3. Expression accuracy (dynamics, articulations, tempo)
4. Tone quality
5. Body position, posture

Written Tests – Points vary per quiz/test, used to reinforce classroom concepts

Daily work/Question of the Day – 5 points each

Rehearsal/Concert Critiques – 25 points each

Practice Records – 25 points possible per record turned in **1st day of week**. Late records (up to 2 weeks) result in 2 point deduction. **After 2 weeks results in automatic 0**. Students should strive for 15-20 minutes of practice each day. You are responsible for your progress!

7/8th Grade

120+ minutes = 25 pts
(5 points e.c. for each +30 minutes)
105+ minutes = 23 pts
90+ minutes = 21 pts
75+ minutes = 19 pts
60+ minutes = 17 pts
-60 minutes = 15 pts

6th Grade

100+ minutes = 25 pts
(5 points e.c. for each +30 minutes)
90+ minutes = 23 pts
80+ minutes = 21 pts
70+ minutes = 19 pts
60+ minutes = 17 pts
-60 minutes = 15 pts

Extra Credit (e.c.) – awarded for EXTRA EFFORT!!! Students have multiple opportunities for extra credit throughout the year (IMEA Auditions and Festival, Dickens Caroling groups, Solo and Ensemble Contest, extra questions on tests, volunteering for various other duties).