

Grading System

6th, 7th, 8th Grade

Class Participation	40%
Playing Tests/Pass-Offs	35%
Music Theory	15%
Classroom Etiquette	10%

Participation

Each student is required to have ALL class materials for class each day (see p. 5). Each day a student is missing materials, 20 points are deducted from their weekly participation grade (100 points per week). Students with instruments in the repair shop should bring a signed note. **ALWAYS ASK FOR A LOANER WHILE YOUR INSTRUMENT IS BEING REPAIRED.** Generally, rental programs provide this service.

Playing Tests/Pass-Offs

Each student will be required to play lines from their book and concert music for a grade every 9-weeks. 7th and 8th graders also perform a Scale Test each 9-weeks. Students are always encouraged to “retake” any test on which they do not show sufficient mastery or improvement. Scale Test retakes are done before and after school, not during class.

Music Theory

Written assignments in the Standard of Excellence book count in this category. 6th graders will also complete a theory workbook during the 1st and 2nd 9-weeks; during the 3rd and 4th 9-weeks, they will complete periodic theory assignments. 7th and 8th graders will complete periodic theory assignments as appropriate to the musical study of their class. Essential Questions apply to this category.

Classroom Etiquette

Students are expected to exhibit the following qualities on a consistent daily basis, including concerts:

Effort:	proper posture, active listening, sincere attempt to demonstrate mastery.
Responsibility:	turns in items on time, a positive contributor to classroom environment.
Attitude:	pleasant demeanor, receptive to instruction, falls in line with class activities, obeys adults.