

Middle School Band (6, 7, 8)

Grading Criteria

Quarterly grades will be weighted as follows:

20% Classwork

40% Lessons

40% Rehearsal/Performance Grade

Band Grades will now be in the form of a letter grade and still count in your overall grade along with all other exploratories.

A = 100, B = 90, C = 80, D = 70, F = Failing

Classwork: 20% of grade

Book exercises
Concert music selections
Rhythm activities
Written activities

Classwork is graded on the following criteria:

- **Rhythm** – accuracy of values, duration, pulse, steadiness of beat and meter.
- **Tone Quality** - resonance, control, clarity, focus.
- **Notes** - accuracy of printed pitches and intonation within the appropriate range.
- **Articulation** – accuracy and fluency of attacks and releases.
- **Musicianship** – expressive elements, interpretation, dynamics.
- **Posture** – proper playing position of body and instrument.

Lessons: 40% of grade

Students will be graded during lessons in the following areas
Rhythm
Pitch
Tone Quality
Articulation (sticking for percussion)
Musicianship
Posture

Rehearsals/Performance: 40% of grade

Performance/Participation:

- Participation in warm-up activities and preparation of concert music.
- Use of proper posture and hand position.
- Intonation and technique.
- Balance and blend within each section and entire ensemble.
- Ability to perform and improve performance with each rehearsal.
- Attendance and participation in two annual concerts.

Preparedness:

- instrument, percussion sticks and mallets, pencil, and music at each rehearsal.
- All accessories: reeds, valve oil, etc.

Posture:

Students will use the proper playing position for their bodies in relation to their instruments.

IMPORTANT DATES:

*December 11, 2023 – Winter Concert Part 1
(Woodwind Ensemble, 6 Band, 6 Chorus, 7 Band)*

*December 12, 2023 – Winter Concert Part 2
(Jazz Band, 8 Band, 7/8 Chorus)*

NYSSMA – May 8 - 9, 2024 Location TBA

*June 3, 2024 – Spring Concert Part 1
(Woodwind Ensemble, 6 Band, 6 Chorus, 7 Band)*

*June 4, 2024 – Spring Concert Part 2 (Jazz Band)
(Jazz Band, 8 Band, 7/8 Chorus)*

June 25, 2024 – 8th Grade Graduation