

2007 - 2008 Rose Hill 6th & 7th Grade Band

Your responsibilities

- 1) AVOID TALKING WHILE THE DIRECTOR IS ON THE PODIUM
- 2) IMMEDIATE CUT OFFS
- 3) FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

Grading

50% Playing Exams and Concert Attendance

Usually, playing exams will be assigned each week for sixth grade; every one to two weeks for seventh grade. Students who are not satisfied with their test score may retest anytime outside of class.

ATTENDANCE AT PERFORMANCES IS EXPECTED AND REQUIRED

An unexcused absence from a performance results in an 8% grade reduction. An absence may be considered excused for: personal illness; family emergency; or parent has called, written or emailed the director at least two weeks in advance. Performances are our "tests" as a band. Everyone's attendance at performances is important!

25% effort and class conduct

Part of the band grade is based on how hard the student works in class. A weekly grade worth 10 points can be earned for being responsible: having instrument and music daily; good posture; good attitude; attentiveness; good effort; and taking care of equipment and music. Consequences for not being responsible can include conduct card marks.

25% Practice time

Individual work is necessary for playing improvement and to be successful on playing exams. Twenty to thirty minutes of daily practice is expected. Time passes quickly with goal oriented practice (be realistic).

Practicing is band's homework! Practice sheets are due each Friday and can be turned in up to one week late. To earn all 25% of practice time each week requires 155 minutes of practice time. A maximum of 240 minutes will be accepted in any one week. A parent or guardian signature is required on each sheet.

Practice time grading scale:

Minutes per week/(practice grade percentage) 30(1%) 35(2%) 40(3%) 45(4%) 50(5%) 55(6%) 60(7%)
65(8%) 70(9%) 75(10%) 80(11%) 85(12%) 90(13%) 95(14%) 100(15%) 105(16%) 115(17%)
120(18%) 125(19%) 130(20%) 135(21%) 140(22%) 145(23%) 150(24%) 155(25%)

Overall Grading scale:	90 - 100%	A	70 - 79%	C
	80 - 89%	B	60 - 69%	D