Middle School Band Grading Policy

1. PARTICIPATION: 9 Weeks = 15%, Semester = 30%, Year = 60%
2. Students are required to bring ALL items to class: Instrument (Sticks), Music, Reed and any other items necessary for classroom instruction. Each student is given **100 points** at the conclusion of each week for such items brought to class each day. (early-release days and shortened weeks still count as 100%) Students are penalized **10 points** for each day they do not bring their required materials. Each week is then averaged for their 9 Weeks Participation Grade.

Example:

Sally left her instrument in her mom’s car last Tuesday. This was Sally’s **first** time leaving her instrument. Because students are NOT penalized for their first offense, Sally received a Weekly Participation grade of 100% because she was able to bring her instrument to school for the remainder of the week. However, yesterday (Tuesday) Sally left her instrument in her mom’s car again. For this week’s Weekly Participation Grade she will receive 90%.

1. Students MUST complete any written work assigned to them in place of the student not having his/her instrument. Each assignment will be geared toward Music and/or Music Appreciation. Written assignments are not used for punishment. Students MUST be engaged at all times when in the classroom. Students will NOT be allowed to “just sit.” Upon completion of the assignments, students are encouraged to work on other work from other classes.
2. Students will be given **1 unexcused** time per semester to forget their materials.
3. Excused situations include:
4. First day returning from a long break.
5. If a student breaks a reed ***during*** class. The student must either bring a reed or have money for a reed the following day.
6. If an instrument is in need of repair or missing. The Parent and Student are responsible for sending an email or written notice.  These students will still need to complete written work, but will NOT be penalized until the repair is complete.
7. If a student is unable to play (sore throat, braces tightened, loose tooth, etc.) they must have a note from either their parents, doctor or school nurse.
8. The parent will be notified on the 3rd, 5th and 7th time in which the student does not bring their required materials.
9. If a student fails to bring his/her Instrument (sticks), Reed and/or music to class after the 10th time, a parent conference will be requested. If the problem persists, further communication will be made with guidance and administration in regards to the student being removed from Band.
10. PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT
11. There are 2 scheduled mandatory concerts each year. They consist of the Winter (Holiday) Concert in December and the Spring Concert in May.
12. It is REQUIRED that ALL band students be in attendance for these two concerts.
13. Each concert is worth 200% of the student’s yearly grade. (50% per 9 weeks). Students who do NOT attend a MANDATORY concert due to an UNEXCUSED absence will be given 2, 69% (F).
14. Students who do not attend a concert due to an EXCUSED absence will be given an opportunity to complete a written or verbal assignment which is considered redeemable or worthy for such a case. Upon completion the student will and can receive up to 95% in lieu of missing a Mandatory Concert.
15. **Excused**:
16. Bereavement; death in the family
17. Family emergency; student or family member hospitalized
18. Student is suspended from school the day of, or if their suspension carries over into the concert day
19. Student is severely ill; (please provide Dr.’s excuse)
20. An event or engagement is scheduled well BEFORE the concert date is posted. The Parent MUST contact Mr. Foster with their concerns for the matter at least **2 full weeks prior**.

(2 weeks will give the director and participating parties (athletics, church groups, etc.) enough time to work, work-around and be flexible with the schedule)