

Sachem Central School District
Music Department
Grading Policies
Secondary 6-12

Performing Groups with lessons

Quarterly grades for students involved in performing groups including lessons will be based on the following criteria: Daily Participation, Rotating Lessons, Exams/Quizzes, and Concerts. In each of these areas, the department will use a point system to assess student performance. Guidelines for this grading policy are outlined below.

Daily Participation (40 points)

- A. Preparedness
 - Student brings instrument to class and it is in working order
 - Student brings necessary materials to class
- B. Performance
 - Student's initiative in practicing and preparing parts
 - Following visual and verbal directions of the teacher
 - Attitude
 - Consistent quality of performance
 - Improvement and self-motivation

Lessons (30 points)

- A. Students must attend their scheduled lessons, with the exception of major tests in other subject areas
- B. Progress through exercises or rudiments
- C. Improved techniques

Exams/Quizzes (10 points *)

- A. Quizzes and exams will be used to assess student knowledge and understanding of performance material, technical material, and scales and/or rudiments

Concerts (20 points) Attendance at all concerts is mandatory

- A. On time to the warm-up
- B. Proper attire
- C. Materials and equipment in good order
- D. Attentiveness to the conductor and musical detail

* In the event where there is NO concert during a marking period, the Exam/Quiz grade will account for 30 points of the quarterly grade.