

Parcells Middle School

Instrumental Music Grading Policy

Students are graded on a three category grading system as outlined below.

Class Participation Category (40%)

Participation is essential to a student's success in band and orchestra and therefore, is a graded part of this course. Students will receive a participation grade of up to 100 points each week (20 points per class session). Points will be earned in each class session as follows:

Arrives on time and is prepared for class 10 points
(pencil, music, assignment book, and instrument)

Makes a positive contribution 10 points
(has instrument, stays on task, is not a disruption)

*Students who forget to bring their instrument will receive no points for that class session.

Testing/Performance Category (40%)

Students will be tested several times each marking period. Tests may consist of any material that has been covered in class. Playing tests as well as written tests may be given. All required performances are also considered tests and graded as such. All grades entered in the testing category will be weighted equally.

Homework/Practice Category (20%)

Students are expected to practice regularly at home to achieve mastery of the assigned material. Minimum practice requirements are outlined below. Keep in mind that actual practice time must be determined by the students' ability to keep up with the playing assignments

Minimum Practice Expectation

6th grade – 20 minute sessions/3 times per week

7th grade – 30 minute sessions/3 times per week

8th grade – 30 minute sessions/4 times per week

Graded homework assignments will also be given periodically. Playing as well as written assignments may be given. These assignment grades will be placed in the students' homework category and weighted equally.

Extra Credit

Students may earn up to 50 points of extra credit each marking period. All extra credit points will be added to the class participation category. The following are examples of activities that will earn extra credit points. Other possibilities may also be presented to the teacher for consideration as extra credit.

Attending another school's concert (25 points)

Weekly Private Lessons (50 points)

Attending a professional concert (50 points)

Solo and Ensemble Festival (50 points)

A written report on an approved topic (25 - 50 points)

Instrumental Music Grading Scale

99 – 100	A+	77 – 79	C+
93 – 98	A	73 – 76	C
90 – 92	A-	70 – 72	C-
87 – 89	B+	67 – 69	D+
83 – 86	B	63 – 66	D
80 – 82	B-	60 – 62	D-