

Holmen Middle School

Band Department

Achievement Grading Policy

The following criteria are used in determining the **achievement portions** of student's band grade each quarter.

CLASS GRADE (50%):

The class grade consists of one or more of the following based on the activities required in a given quarter. Not all area below will be graded each quarter.

- ✓ Rehearsal Participation
 - Having instrument, sticks, mouthpiece, pencil and music for class
 - Having instrument in good working condition (good reed, oiled valves/slides)
 - Participating in class activities
 - Appropriate behavior for class

- ✓ Concert Participation
 - Attending all concerts and performances – or – completing assigned make up material for a concert absence.
 - Being on time for concert/performance warm-ups
 - Appropriate behavior for concert
 - Appropriate concert dress

- ✓ Assessments
 - Quizzes and assessments given to class
 - Auditions (7th & 8th grade only)
 - Concert music playing assessment

LESSON GRADE (50%):

The lesson grade consists of activities relating to weekly band lessons.

- ✓ Lesson Attendance
 - 5 lessons in Quarter 1
 - 6 lessons in Quarters 2, 3, & 4
 - One lesson allowed per calendar day
 - Maximum of two lessons allowed per week

- ✓ Lesson Preparation
 - Ability to play material assigned in prior lesson through individual practice
 - Appropriate questions are asked for material not understood
 - Appropriate behavior for lessons

- ✓ Skills Check-Off
 - Rhythm Assessments
 - Scale Check-Off

- ✓ Practice Goals
 - Completed during home practice
 - Created, revised, and reviewed with teacher at weekly lessons.

INFINITE CAMPUS

Infinite Campus (IC) is an electronic grade book used in the School District of Holmen. IC is used to record grades on individual tasks as well as the reporting method for midterm and end of quarter grading. Parents and students have the ability to track assignments and grading for each class.

Guide to HMS Band use of Infinite Campus

LESSONS

- Lesson grades are reported each week out of 100 points.
- Grades reported as “**M**” mean that the lesson was not attended.
- Missed lessons can be made up through the process of attending lessons through the course of the quarter or by talking to the lesson teacher for make-up ideas. “**M**” grades will be changed to reflect any make-up work completed up to 100%.
(Since there are more weeks in every quarter than required lessons there are “built-in” make-up opportunities. This also gives students an opportunity to attend more than the required lessons and have their top scores used to calculate the required lesson grade.)
- Due dates for lessons in IC are not able to be personalized for each student, therefore the due dates were selected so that students have at least two lessons in every three-week period.

OTHER GRADES

- Grades for assessments, auditions, rehearsal and concert participation are based on various point totals and are recorded in the grade book following the due date, which is specific to each event’s due date.
- Grades reported as “**M**” mean that the activity was not completed on time. The grade may be changed (with possible deductions) when the activity or make-up project is completed.