**Hamburg Area Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Concert Band --- Grading Policy**

One of the main objectives of The Hamburg Area Band Program is to provide students with opportunities to succeed. With this in mind, the grading policy explained below will be used to evaluate all student performances and participation.

The district-wide grading scale, as described in the Student Handbook, will be used to determine letter grades:

A: 94 – 100  
B: 86 – 93  
C: 76 – 85  
D: 70 – 75  
F: 69 and below

All students participating in Concert Band will be graded upon the following criteria:

* **Playing Exam – 20%**

All students will complete a playing exam at the end of each marking period. Excerpts of concert music and scales will be pre-determined. Sight-reading may be included as well.

Playing Exams have been **tentatively** scheduled as follows:

MP 1: Week of October 7, 2019  
MP 2: Week of December 9, 2019  
MP 3: Week of March 9, 2020  
MP 4: Week of May 11, 2020

* **Preparation & Participation – 40%**
  + Band rehearsal is scheduled for the “Flex” period on **Day 2**. If there are multiple occurrences of unexcused absences or late arrivals without a pass, the student will fail the class and will be removed from the ensemble.
  + Students must arrive with all music, their instrument, and a PENCIL.
  + **Concert, Dress Rehearsal, and In-School Concert attendance is MANDATORY**
    - (optional) HAMS Night w/ the HS Marching Band: October 4, 2019 – Details TBA
    - In -School Winter Preview: December 13, 2019 (during school!)
    - Winter Dress Rehearsal: December 16, 2019 (12:30 – 3:00 @ the H.S.)
    - ***Winter Concert: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 – H.S. Auditorium @ 7pm*** (Snow Date: Thursday, Dec. 19)
    - In-School Spring Preview: May 21, 2020
    - Spring Dress Rehearsal: May, 18, 2020 (12:30 – 3:00 @ the H.S.)
    - ***Spring Concert: MAY 19, 2020 – H.S. Auditorium @ 7pm***
    - *Tentative High Note Festival Date: Friday, May 15, 2020 --- Details TBA*
  + All students will meet with Mrs. Kline in a group or individual setting once per cycle for instrumental lessons and evaluations. Students are responsible for their own lesson schedule.
    - Students will begin each semester with 90 points for this category. Points will be deducted for the following:
      * Missed lesson with zero attempt to make-up – 2 points
      * No instrument, music, or pencil – 2 points
      * No completed practice log – 1 point
      * Absent from Dress Rehearsal or Performance – 20 points (automatically lowers one grade letter)
* **Written Assignments – 10%**
  + One page, post-concert critique for the winter AND spring performances
* **Positive contribution to the ensemble – 30%**
  + Consistent lesson/rehearsal attendance, learning/memorizing music notation, respectful behavior towards teachers and peers, serving as help to other members of the ensemble, going above and beyond original expectations of the ensemble, etc.
* **Extra Credit - Up to 10 additional points can be earned for the following activities:**
  + Participation in a voluntary, school-related ensemble (recruitment events, community performances, M.S. Jazz Band, etc.)
  + Participation in a school-related ensemble, OUTSIDE of school hours (Jr.. County Auds./Band, Community Bands)
  + Attendance at an outside musical performance (A program or ticket stub must be submitted as proof)
  + Critique of an outside performance or recording (Students must complete and submit a critique form)

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You will receive a grade after the 2nd and 4th marking periods.   
The grade is made up of the following items:

* **Playing Exam (20%)**

* **Preparation & Participation (40%)**
  + This includes being prepared for all events & lessons and attending ALL performances.
  + Performances & Events for 2017-2018 (ALL ARE MANDATORY)

* **Written Assignments (10%)**
* **Positive Contribution to the ensemble (30%)**
* **Extra Credit (may earn up to 10 points)**