**Grading Policy**

**For Instrumental Music**

**Eleanor Roosevelt High School**

**Dr. David Yarbrough, Orchestra Director**

**Ms. Rachel Zephir, Band Director**

**Percentages**

**90-100 = A**

**80-89 = B**

**70-79 = C**

**60-69 = D**

**0-59 = E**

**CLASSWORK- 60%**

**Quarter 1-4 Class participation, Attitude, and Effort (50%)**

**Quarter 1- Technical Musical Growth Assessment (50%)**

**Quarter 2-4 Performances/extra rehearsal participation (50%)**

**HOMEWORK- 10%**

**Quarter 1-4 Rhythmic Dictations, Theory homework (50%)**

**ASSESSMENT- 30%**

**Quarter 1- Play Tests, Music Theory, Writing Assignments**

**Quarters 2-4 All above plus Post Performance Evaluations**

1. **Individual Assessment**
2. **Ensemble Assessment**
3. **Additional Assessments**

**Portfolio goals and assessments**

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Ms. Rachel Zephir, Bands Dr. David Yarbrough, Strings Mr. Reginald McNeill, Principal

Student Signature indicating that you have read and understand this policy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature indicating that you have read and understand this policy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Excused and Unexcused Absences**

An excused absence from a concert may be obtained for contagious illness, death in the immediate family, or uncontrollable circumstances. It is the responsibility of the parent to notify the director as far in advance as possible. **If a student is absent the day of a performance please call to let us know what to expect.**

Understandably, conflicts arise with other school events. We make every effort to allow students to participate in both events. However, this requires early notification of a possible conflict. Please remember - this is a class and outweighs participation in an extra-curricular sport or activity. The earlier we know about a conflict the greater the chance we can schedule around it.

Credit lost for an excused absence can be made up. Credit lost for an unexcused absence cannot be made up. Students who miss a performance for an excusable reason must do the makeup work.

Excused absences are only the following:

1. Death in the family
2. Personal illness/injury with a note from a doctor

Excused absences from a rehearsal or sectional require a note from the parent, in advance, or the signature of the teacher of the missed class period. The deadline for notes to teachers is one week after the missed rehearsal.

**MAJOR PROJECTS**

1. CD Report - Multiple genres with director approval. 3 pages typed, double spaced, standard font. Every track should be described in detail. Please list titles, composers, the group, and the duration of the pieces.
2. Concert Attendance - Go to a concert (at another school, community group, military band, professional orchestra, University of Maryland etc.) and bring back a program. Write 2 pages about what you hear. You must stay for the entire performance to earn full credit for your work.

If you have any questions please see your director or email them for further assistance.