



Instrumental Music

Grading Policy 2022-2023

Each student in the instrumental music program will receive an effort grade on his/her quarterly report card. Grades will reflect achievement in three or four categories. The four categories are Participation, Homework, Tests, and Concert Attendance. Class assignments and class notes can be viewed on Parent Connect. I update grades on Friday afternoon. Please check Parent Connect weekly for updates.

The following chart shows how students will earn their grade during each quarter of school. Students that earn a “Needs Improvement” may be placed on academic probation.

Quarter 1 (1 st 9 Weeks)	Quarter 2 (2 nd 9 Weeks)	Quarter 3 (3 rd 9 Weeks)	Quarter 4 (4 th 9 Weeks)
Weekly Practice Records	Weekly Practice Records	Weekly Practice Records	Weekly Practice Records
Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	Test #4
Participation	Participation	Participation	Spring Concert/Participation

PARTICIPATION – Students that come to class prepared with their instrument/book and participate will earn three points per class meeting. One point will be deducted per missing item. A point will also be deducted if a student does not participate with acceptable behavior. Students that do not bring their instrument may be given an alternative assignment for the day. If your student forgets their instrument, **consider not bringing it to school for them.** I have found that losing a point for not having an instrument is an effective way for students to develop responsibility skills.

HOMEWORK - Each quarter students must turn in weekly practice records. Each practice record is worth two points. Practice records are due the last class meeting of each week. The practice goal for students is 10 minutes, 5 days a week outside of class. Only written, signed, physical copies of practice records are accepted. No credit is given for emailed confirmation of practice or practice records that are turned in late. I provide practice records, but any written record is accepted. **Please ensure that your child accurately records his or her practice by occasionally listening to what they are practicing.** Weekly music emails are sent to parent and student CUSD email accounts. The weekly email will include the home practice goals.

TESTS - Each student will be tested in class every quarter. The test will be a performance test. Each test is worth ten points. Students may retake a test as many times as time allows in each quarter. I realize that performing for the class may be a challenge, but I believe playing for others is an important part of being a musician and a wonderful opportunity for personal growth. Please contact me if you have any questions about my testing protocols.

CONCERTS - Each student that attends will be given credit for the Spring Concert. 6th grade students will perform in two additional concerts, a CUSD Ratings Festival and BHS Area Concert. 6th Graders with a “Needs Improvement” grade at the time of the CUSD Festival or in the previous quarter will not be allowed to attend the CUSD Ratings Festival or BHS Area Concert. Eligible students that do not attend concerts may receive a lowered grade.

GRADES – Each student’s report card and Parent Connect profile will have my name below your student’s classroom teacher’s name. One of following grades will be listed.

Outstanding = 100% to 90%

Satisfactory = 89% to 65%

Needs Improvement = 65% to 0%

Grades are available for review on Parent Connect.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email at johnwithrow@cusd.com. Please sign and return the instrumental grading policy. I am looking forward to another great year.

Mr. Withrow

I have read and understand the Instrumental Music Grading Policy.

Student Name _____ Parent Signature _____