

EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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GRADING POLICY

Your grade will be based on the following criteria:

- **DAILY REHEARSAL GRADE – 40%.** Students earn grades based on daily class work. Elements that factor into the daily grades include participation in daily rehearsals, technique, and musicianship. If extracurricular rehearsals are assigned to the class, these will count in the gradebook as daily grades.
- **PERFORMANCE GRADES – 40%.** Students are expected to be present and participate in all performances unless excused by the director. Students will be expected to bring all materials to performances and dress in the appropriate attire.
- **TESTS & QUIZZES – 20%.** Most tests and quizzes will be announced at least 3 class periods ahead of time. Occasional pop quizzes may be given as needed.

PROCEDURES REGARDING ABSENCES

1. Written notification must be submitted via email, phone message, text, or handwritten, signed note.
2. Submit non-emergency requests at least 1 week prior to a rehearsal or 2 weeks prior to a performance. Emergencies need to be communicated ASAP.
3. You must contact Mr. Matthews for all absences. Telling a friend, parent, or staff member won't count for your grade.
4. Mr. Matthews will follow up with parents regarding all absences that were not directly communicated by a parent.

PROPER CONCERT APPAREL

Concert Band, Men: Black long-sleeve button-down dress shirt, dress pants, socks, and dress shoes

Concert Band, Women: Black top w/ ankle-length skirt or dress pants
OR long black dress

Marching Band – Solid black T-Shirt, Athletic Shorts, Change of clothes for post-performance (including show shirt for contest days). The uniform will be provided, and you will be held financially responsible for damages or extra cleaning that result from neglectful use.

EXPECTATIONS

1. Show respect to yourself & others at all times
2. Bring materials to class (instrument, music, pencil, etc.)
3. No food, drinks, gum, or candy in the band room
4. Keep your hands & feet to yourself
5. Take good care of the band room and band equipment

POLICIES

1. Be in your seat with materials when the bell rings
2. Enter & leave the room respectfully
3. iPads remain under the chairs when not being used
4. Cell phones must go in the holder or charging station.

WARNING SYSTEM

1. Verbal Warning
2. Stay after class
3. Parent contacted

If necessary, disruptive students may be removed from class.

BAND LOCKERS & INSTRUMENT STORAGE

All marching band members, regardless of section, will have the ability to use a locker in the band hallway for storage of instruments and/or clothing. These lockers MUST be locked at all times. Instrument storage within the band room is to be used ONLY for instruments. Absolutely no clothing or personal items may be kept in storage areas within the band room!

BASKETBALL PEP BAND/SOLO & ENSEMBLE

The basketball pep band is performing for all weekend home games (girls and boys) that take place after marching band season ends. Students participating in District Solo/Ensemble will earn two free passes to basketball games, earning an additional pass for participation in State Solo/Ensemble. Students must submit a request to use their pass to Mr. Matthews ONE WEEK before the game. Mr. Matthews has the right to deny the request. If you have an excused absence from a game, it will count as using a pass. Students who have an excused absence with no passes will be required to make up the points.

TRAVEL & BUS ETIQUETTE

Bus travel is a regular part of this class. During marching season, students will sign up for one bus roster for the entire season. Students will not be allowed to change busses unless given permission by the director. Students are expected to be respectful of the drivers, directors, chaperones, and their peers at all times. If students wish to ride home with a parent, they must present the director a signed handwritten note BEFORE leaving Eastern that day. All school handbook rules are in force while travelling.

2017-18 REQUIRED BAND PERFORMANCES

MARCHING BAND

See Marching Band Calendar

CONCERTS

Veteran's Day In-School – Nov. 10
Christmas Concert – Dec. 19
(District Solo/Ensemble – Feb. 3)
(State Solo/Ensemble – Feb. 24)
Howard Co. Festival – March 13-14
ISSMA Concert Band Contest – April 13 or 14
Spring Concert – May 5
HS Graduation – June 3

HOME BASKETBALL GAMES

Saturday, November 11, 6pm
Friday, December 1, 6pm
Saturday, December 2, Noon
Saturday, December 2, 6pm
Friday, January 5, 6pm
Saturday, January 6, Noon
Saturday, January 13, 10:30am
Friday, January 19, 6pm
Saturday, January 20, 6pm
Friday, January 26, 6pm
Saturday, February 17, 6pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – DETATCH & SUBMIT BY FRIDAY, AUG. 11

I have received and read the Band information sheet pertaining to the activities of the Eastern High School Band. I have copied all required dates into my personal calendar. I will take responsibility in keeping up with any schedule changes, and I will communicate conflicts to Mr. Matthews as quickly as possible.

(Parent/Guardian signature)

(Date)
