

Clinton HS Bands – Grading/Attendance Policy 2019/2020

Performances - Performances/Band Lessons/Promise Standard Tests are 85% of the overall grade. Another 15% is devoted to in class assignments/homework/daily work. We perform at all home football games, the Homecoming Parade, the Mardi Gras Parade, 4-5 marching competitions, and the Celebration of Music. We also provide a pep band for 4-5 of the home varsity basketball games in addition to our Winter Concert. Second Semester we will perform at the IHSMA State Large Group Festival and at the Spring Concert.

Promise Standards – of the 100% listed above - 60% of a student's total band grade is comprised of what our school district defines as **promise standards**. These are 3-4 skills that each classroom teacher determines are the absolute most important skills for a student to learn for attaining at least a **passing grade** in each course. These standards are each labeled in the band gradebook in ParentPortal so you can see your child's progress.

Attendance Policy - (also includes outside the day Percussion and Colorguard Practices)

1. Each **Unexcused absence** (missed performance without prior communication & prior approval from a director) will reduce a student's grade by **1 letter grade**. Each student begins the year with **ALL** points in the performance category of the assessment grade tab and will lose the appropriate amount of points **for each unexcused** absence.
2. **Excused Absence** means the student will receive a makeup assignment for credit pending prior communication of the absence by the parents **AND** the absence falls under the Excused absence policy below.

Absences will be considered excused or unexcused based on the following guidelines:

1. Work, outside of CHS Sports activities, babysitting, events or trips out of town (to **exclude** weddings, religious celebrations/holidays, and family reunions) are considered **UNEXCUSED** absences.
2. All other absences must be communicated with a band director at **least 2 weeks prior** in order to be **considered excused**. It is expected that students/band families make appropriate arrangements for their child to be at all band rehearsals and performances. In case of illness, an email to the director by the parent is requested. **If no formal communication (email/phone call) was presented to a director, the absence is considered unexcused**. Students in a CHS sport that have a conflict **MUST** communicate with director prior to the conflict occurring to work out a plan with the coaches. **MOST ALL** sporting conflicts are able to be worked out, **AND** are considered excused pending the above steps have been followed. Outside of Clinton (travel ball, etc.) are **NOT** considered excused absences.

BAND LESSONS - Lessons are where students learn the fundamentals of playing their instrument. Lessons are scheduled during the school day. In some cases, by special request, a student may schedule their lesson time before or after school. Students are expected to attend **12 total** weekly lessons out of the 15 weeks of each semester. The flexibility in having 3 weeks free allows for the student to attend all lessons and also be in class on the days of quizzes, tests, special notes, etc. when needed. Students are able to make up lessons before or after school. A student may make-up only 1 lesson per week towards their total of 12. As with every class, a student's grade reflects his/her efforts. If students come prepared for (and participate effectively in) rehearsals, attend lessons, and take part in each of the performances, their grade will mirror their hard work.