

## Central High School Instrumental Ensemble Grading Policy for 2009-2010 School Year

**Class:** Instrumental Ensemble

**Time/Room:** B-13 during 6<sup>th</sup> hour (11:47-12:29) and selected performances.

**Overview of Course:** Music skills development including ear-training, note reading, instrument technique and ensemble playing will be emphasized. Students will be expected to perform in class and on selected school concerts in the fall and spring semesters.

### Overview of Grading Policy:

Daily Participation Grade-	40 percent of your grade
Performance Grade-	30 percent of your grade
Teamwork Grade-	10 percent of your grade
<u>Individual Improvement Grade-</u>	<u>20 percent of your grade</u>
Total = 100 percent of your grade	

### Explanation of Grading Policy:

Participation Grade- Instrumental Ensemble members must be on time and have all materials (instrument, music, pencil, rosin, end pin stops, etc) in order to receive the daily credit of one point for each rehearsal. Fulfilling all of these requirements earns you 1 participation point for that rehearsal. Tardiness will result in you earning .5 for that rehearsal (note: this takes effect *after* the first tardy). Instrument repair will not be counted against a student *as long as* an excused absence form is signed by both the student and parent and returned to Mr. Rauch. Forgetting an instrument or misplacing music will result in you earning only .5 participation points for that rehearsal. Bringing no materials but passively participating (watching quietly, not disrupting) will result in you earning .25 participation points for that rehearsal. Bringing no materials to class *and* disrupting the rehearsal will result in your earning 0 participation points for that rehearsal *and* a detention will be given. No work from other subjects (“homework” done during a rehearsal) will be allowed. If you choose to do other homework during Instrumental Ensemble, you will earn 0 participation points for that rehearsal.

**NOTICE: If you lose more than 4 points in one semester due to working on other “homework” or forgetting materials (instrument or music), a referral will be written and a conference will be scheduled with your parents.**

Performance Grade- Because music performance as individuals, in small groups and as an ensemble is integral to musical growth and development, your preparedness in class and attendance at performances is extremely important! Students who have excused absences (illness, circumstances cleared ahead of time or real emergencies) from a performance *and* an excused absence form signed by the student and parent, returned to Mr. Rauch, will earn half of the performance points for that performance. All other performance absences (because of work or lack of planning on your part) will result in you earning 0 performance points for that performance and may result in suspension or removal from the ensemble. Since we all depend upon each other for a successful performance, excessive absences in either category may also result in removal from Instrumental Ensemble.

Teamwork Grade- You will earn 10 teamwork grade points by following instructions properly, making proper requests, and accepting no for an answer. This includes being respectful, being responsible, and being safe. You will earn fewer points depending on how often the above skills are not demonstrated and the severity and frequency of each infraction.

Individual Improvement Grade- Musical skill development is also emphasized in Instrumental Ensemble. Therefore, playing tests or quizzes will be given. You will be given advanced notice of all tests and quizzes. Tests and quizzes might include (but are not limited to) playing a piece for memory, playing scales correctly, playing excerpts of music we have worked on in class correctly and playing with proper tone and technique for your instrument. Because everyone in Intermediate Strings has mastered different skills on their instrument (and because everyone plays different instruments), the requirements for receiving the maximum number of individual improvement points will vary from student to student. However, most tests and quizzes are graded on the standard grading scale. **NOTE: It is reasonable to assume that some students will have more trouble with the assigned tests and quizzes. Please remember that help is always available! Simply contact Mr. Rauch to set up a time for individual tutoring that will work for both the teacher and the student.**

**Semester Grades:** Semester grades will be determined by averaging the quarter grades. Are you curious about your grade or unsure of your grade? Feel free to email Mr. Rauch. He can email you a grade report at any time and/or set up a time to meet with you regarding your progress in Instrumental Ensemble.

**Grading Summary:** *You grade is not determined by the instructor. It is earned by you, the student.* Please review the policies outlined in this document so that you are aware of what you can do to better yourself as a musician in Instrumental Ensemble. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the grading policies, feel free to set up a time with the instructor to discuss your concerns....

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Please detach this slip, you and your parent sign it, and return it by Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

I understand the grading policies outlined in the above document. I will do my best to better myself as a musician and help the ensemble as a whole reach their goals.

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Student Signature

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Date

I understand the grading policies outlined for my student. I will do my best to help him/her fulfill all of the requirements for Instrumental Ensemble.

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Parent Signature

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Date