

GRIMMER MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND DEPARTMENT GRADING POLICY (2011-2012)

TESTS _____ 40%

Playing and/or written. Individual evaluation of playing ability and musical knowledge. Attendance to all performances (concerts, ISSMA, in-school assemblies) is required and will be calculated as a TEST grade. ** Students not dressed in specific concert/assembly attire will have an adjustment made to this grade.

QUIZES _____ 30%

Playing and/or written. Individual or section playing ability. Individual musical knowledge. Attendance to morning or after-school sectionals are required and will be calculated as a QUIZ grade.

HOMEWORK _____ 20%

Playing and/or written. Written homework will be in the form of worksheets that relate to music theory. Playing homework will be in the form of PRACTICE assignments. Written PRACTICE assignments are due Mondays.

PARTICIPATION _____ 10%

Participation grade is based on being present for class and having all materials on a daily basis. Students are required to have the following in class every day: Instrument or (stick bag with all sticks and mallets), music book or books, binder, sheet music, pencil, and tuner. ** All students are REQUIRED to practice on weekends. If instrument is left in the bandroom over the weekend (unless absent on Friday), will have this grade adjusted.

A NOTE ABOUT PRACTICING...

Rome wasn't built in a day, neither was a great musician. Make sure you are practicing. I encourage you to set up a practice schedule with you and your parents. Instruments should go home at least THREE days a week. All instruments WILL go home over the weekend. NO instruments should be left in the band room, classrooms, or lockers over the weekend.

PLEASE KEEP THE TOP PORTION AT HOME & RETURN THE TEAR OFF SECTION BELOW

I have read and understand the Grimmer Band Grading Policy as it is explained above.

Student Name – PRINTED _____ Grade _____ Band Hour _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Since parents often time forget to include their D.L. # on their checks for various things, we would like to ask you to give us this info, so that IF you forget, Becky can look it up, instead of having to call you like in the past.
Mom's D.L. # _____ Dad's D.L. # _____

PLEASE SIGN THIS ACCEPTANCE AND RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS FORM TO THE BAND ROOM MAILBOX BY FRIDAY, 8-26-11.

***** IF THIS FORM IS NOT RECEIVED BY 8-26-11,
IT WILL COUNT AS A MISSING HOMEWORK GRADE!**

Grimmer Band– 2011-2012 Calendar

GRIMMER BAND BOOSTER MEETINGS

(Parents are encouraged to attend; students are also welcome to join us)

- Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00 – CAFÉ
- Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00 – Band Room
- Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00 – Band Room
- Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00 – Band Room
- Thursday, March 1, 2012 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00 – Band Room
- Thursday, April 12, 2012 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00 – Band Room
- Thursday, May 17, 2012 – Band Booster Meeting – 7:00 – Band Room

CONCERTS – IN THE GRIMMER “GYMATORIUM”

(All students are REQUIRED to attend, this counts toward their grade!)

- Friday, Dec. 2, 2011 – 6th Grade Band Holiday Concert/Reception – 7:00
- Friday, Dec. 9, 2011 – 7th/8th Grade Band Holiday Concert/Reception – 7:00
- Thursday, March 15, 2012 – 6th Band Concert / 7th/8th Festival Prelude – 7:00
- Friday, May 4, 2012 – 7th/8th Grade Spring Band Concert – 7:00
- Friday, May 11, 2012 – 6th Grade Spring Band Concert – 7:00

ISSMA EVENTS (Indiana State School Music Assoc.)

7th & 8th grade students are encouraged to sign up for this(these) contest(s). Parents provide transportation – location-Munster/Merrillville/or Crown Pt. H.S.

- Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012 – ISSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest (Piano/Vocal)
- Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012 – ISSMA Solo/Ensemble Contest (Band)

ALL 7th & 8th grade band students are REQUIRED to attend this contest and will take school buses to this event – location is usually LaPorte H.S. in LaPorte, IN.

- The ISSMA Band Contest is held Friday evening & all day Saturday, March 16 & 17, 2012

Mr. Gore TRIES to get a performance slot on Friday evening instead of Saturday. Exact date/time TBD at a later date.

PLEASE SIGN HERE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS CALENDAR:

Student’s name (printed): _____ Grade: _____ Hour: _____

Parent’s signature: _____ Date: _____