

Harmony High School Band  
**2024-2025 Class Syllabus**

**Grading**

Assessments – 50%

This includes all standards-based assessments: individual skills, class music, and written assessments. Most performance assessments are pass/fail grades; students will receive a rubric for each assessment ahead of time. All assessments can be taken multiple times to ensure everyone earns the best grade possible.

Performances/Rehearsals – 20%

All students will receive a total of 500 points for this portion of their grade each grading period. Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances, and individual parts should be prepared ahead of time. The following deductions can be made to this grade:

- Unexcused Performance Absence (-150 points)
- Unexcused Performance Tardy (-50 points)
- Lack of Preparation for Performance (-100 points)
- Unexcused Rehearsal Absence (-75 points)
- Unexcused Rehearsal Tardy (-25 points)
- Lack of Preparation for Rehearsal (-50 points)
- Missing Rehearsal Materials (-25 points)

Any request for an excused rehearsal absence must be made by a parent via email or phone call.

Excused performance absence requests must be made 30 days prior to the performance. Please include a reason for the absence. **Not all requests are approved. Students who are excused will need to demonstrate the work missed to receive the points for rehearsal.**

Assignments/Projects – 22%

Each grading period, students will receive an individual playing assignment/project. This will vary by grading period and class. This is mostly commonly referred to as the “student’s choice assignment.”

Participation/Preparation – 8%

This category includes grades for class activities and active participation.