

CLARKSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BAND POLICIES & GRADING

**Requirements for Band Students:**

Students involved in band must make it a primary commitment for the whole school year.

It is important that students and their families understand that band is a commitment of time, effort and heart. Every member of the ensembles; Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band play very key roles in the success of the overall ensemble. It takes great team effort and participation on the part of the students.

We understand the importance of extracurricular activities; however band is a **curricular** commitment and must be a priority.

Grades are based on attendance, participation in band rehearsals, being prepared and participating in performances. Students must come to band prepared and ready to practice. Students must also attend their appropriate sectionals.

Participation during non-school hours may be required for band students; you may refer to the HCPSS Policy. This would include **rehearsals** (before school, after school or evening), **performances** (concerts, school functions), **and band adjudications** (local & state). You will be given advanced notice for all band events.

A band performance is considered a class; students are required to participate in these performances unless there is an excused absence. Failure to participate in a performance or rehearsal without an excused absence can result in a reduction in grade or the exclusion from a scheduled performance or event for which the missed activity was considered essential preparation. Winter Concert & Spring Concert dates are set prior to the start of school. Again, you will be given advanced notice for all events. In addition to email notices you may refer to the band website for updated information.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mr. David Smith  
CMS Band Director