

BMHS High School Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band
Grading Policy 2010/11 School Year

- Lessons:** There are approximately ten lessons per quarter.
- A. Students are allowed up to three-excused lessons per quarter.
 - B. Students studying privately must attend a minimum of three lessons per quarter to demonstrate their ability to perform the literature.
- Every student will need to bring a copy of “Standards of Excellence” Volume 3-Green Cover for their lesson period.
- Philosophy:** To give students the opportunity for positive musical experiences through practice and performance. I want students to learn self-discipline, respect, and responsibility as well as routine, order and structure.
- Attendance:** All BMHS attendance policies, which are shown in the teacher and student handbooks, will apply. Any student who is chronically tardy or absent from class will be encouraged to improve in this area.
- Due to the intense marching band season, you may miss up to 2 rehearsals without penalty. Every unexcused absence will result in a two points off their quarter grade.
- If students come to marching rehearsal with an unexcused tardy, they will be warned once and then receive two points off their quarter grade.
- Students who participate in fall sports are reminded that they must be at night rehearsal no later than 15 minutes after the practice is finished.
- Rehearsal:** In order to provide the best possible classroom management, the following will be observed:
- A. Rehearsal begins five minutes after the bell rings. If you are not in your seat with your instrument and music, and ready to play at that time, you are considered late.
 - B. Rehearsal ends five minutes before the bell rings. No one may leave until the bell has rung.
 - C. During Marching Band: If a student disrupts a rehearsal, they will be warned once, given a lap or push-up for the second offense and then lose two points off their quarter grade.
- Instruments:** Every student is expected to know that music and skills will be learned at home. All students must rent or own their own instruments except for low brass (tubas), low woodwinds (bass clarinet, bassoons, and baritone saxes), and specific marching instruments (mellophones, battery percussion, etc).
- Grading Policy:** Every football game (including Thanksgiving), competition, concert and performance is considered a test grade. You are expected to be at every test!! Students missing a test will result in one lowered grade.