

Liberty High School
Department of Instrumental Music

Ensemble Grading Policy

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Mission Statement

The goal of the Liberty High School Instrumental Music Program is to present polished musical performances of a professional caliber. We perform the highest quality wind literature of a diverse and varied repertoire. Our audience may range from groups within the school to the community at large. We rehearse as an ensemble and practice individually in a way that continually stretches the outer boundaries of our musical abilities, and seek outside opportunities to grow as musicians.

Grading Policy

50% Rehearsal Participation
25% Performance Critiques
25% Performances/ Tests

Rehearsal Participation: Ten points are earned for each rehearsal successfully completed. A successful completion of a rehearsal demands promptness, hard work and devoted attention to the music. Rehearsal participation includes, but is not limited to the following,

- On task behavior
- Preparedness
- Homework and written assignments
- Adherence to Instrumental Music policies and procedures

Performance Critiques: Every instrumental music student must complete a live performance critique and a recorded performance critique each quarter. Critiques are to be one typed page double-spaced in length, free of spelling and grammatical errors. Students must incorporate appropriate music terminology. Live performance critiques must be accompanied by a program and/or ticket stub.

Performances/ Tests: Instrumental music students are required to participate in the winter and spring concerts, District Festival and State Festivals, and graduation ceremony (Wind Ensemble). Students will only be excused in the case of personal illness or emergency. All students are expected to wear the appropriate concert attire purchased through the Instrumental Music Program, and are to behave in a refined and professional manner that reflects the Liberty High School community. Students who fail to dress appropriately will not be permitted to perform with their assigned ensemble, and will receive an unexcused absence for the performance.

Performance tests and quizzes may be given at any time in order to assess student preparedness and skill level. Performance tests and quizzes may be announced or unannounced.

Absence Policy

Students who are absent from school must complete any written assignments or performance assessments within two class periods.