

Proficient lessons = 25/25 (Student is prepared and participates positively)

Not Proficient lessons = 20/25 (Student is not prepared or does not participate positively)

Incomplete lessons = 15/25 (Student misses a lesson on purpose, or due to an absence)

Students opting to add private lessons on top of their lesson requirements either with a director or a private teacher in the community will earn 5 points of extra credit per *proficient* lesson.

Participation

For the purpose of clarifying the participation grading, a band activity is defined as the following:

- In class assignments
- Class projects
- Daily participation and preparation

These grades count for 25% of the total quarter grade.

Guidelines:

1. Be in the band room by the second bell.
2. Have your instrument assembled and music ready by three minutes after the second bell.
3. Sit in your assigned seat.
4. Always have a pencil in your folder.
5. Be attentive and on-task throughout the entire rehearsal.
6. Only put your instrument and music away when instructed by the director.

Semester Exams

Exam exemptions for Concert & Symphonic Band

- 1st semester; Students must have a grade of 85% or higher
- 2nd semester; Students must have a grade of 85% or higher & have completed all 3 spring performances (concert, massed band & Memorial Day parade)

Exam exemptions for Wind Symphony

- Students must have a grade of 90% or higher & have participated in all concerts

The total number of points earned will be assigned a letter grade based on the school district grading policy:

A+	≥98%	B+	≥88%	C+	≥78%	D+	≥68%
A	≥93%	B	≥83%	C	≥73%	D	≥63%
A-	≥90%	B-	≥80%	C-	≥70%	D-	≥60%

Travel Guidelines

The band will frequently travel on both school and commercial busses. Student conduct is expected to be at the highest level on any trip.

1. Students must travel to events and return from events on the bus. Any student wishing to arrive or leave with his/her parent, must notify the directors in writing prior to the event and the parent must sign the letter. A decision will be rendered based on the circumstances provided.
2. Students must have all necessary forms completed and returned in order to travel on any trip with the band.
3. While on the bus, students will:
 - A. Remain seated at all times
 - B. Sit properly in a forward position
 - C. Keep the bus clean of food, drinks, and debris
 - D. Keep all body parts inside the bus
 - F. Remain silent when addressed by person in charge on the bus
 - G. Refrain from loud, boisterous talking, screaming, whistling, etc.
 - H. No public displays of affection.

*Special Note: As a member of the band, you are a representative of your school. Always be on your best behavior. If you are in doubt about an action, *do not do it!* Your conduct must be such that at no time could it be considered a bad reflection on the school, the band, your home, yourself or the community.

Uniform/Concert Dress Guidelines

Students are expected to follow the listed uniform guidelines. NO VARIATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED.

Students and parents should take care of acquiring the necessary parts to each “uniform” they will be using throughout the year as soon as possible. *Do not wait until the night before the concert to get your clothing ready.*

Wind Ensemble/Pit Orchestra Concert Dress

Tuxedos and concert dresses will be issued before the first Wind Ensemble concert of each school year. These items should be treated with respect due to their value. Students are responsible for the overall maintenance and security of their tux or dress throughout the school year. **Parents and students should not attempt to clean, wash, or repair any pieces of their school-owned formal wear.** If an item needs to be repaired or cleaned, please bring it in and notify a director immediately.

Symphonic Band/Concert Band Concert Dress

Students in these ensembles are required to provide their own clothing for concerts. Students must comply with the guidelines below. It is important for our ensembles to look as professional as possible.

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| Men: | White, collared, long sleeve dress shirt (no t-shirts or polos)
Black dress pants (no black jeans)
Black dress shoes & black socks (no tennis shoes)
<i>Optional tie (please avoid bright colors)</i> |
| Women: | <i>May wear the above men’s uniform, or:</i>
White blouse or top (no spaghetti straps)
Black skirt or pants (skirts <i>must</i> cover the knees while sitting)
Black shoes or black dress sandals (no flip flops)
<i>Optional silver, gold, black or white jewelry (please avoid bright colors and “chunky” style items)</i> |

Jazz Band Concert Dress

Very similar to the required dress for the Symphonic and Concert Bands, all jazz members (Jazz I & II) are required to provide their own clothing for concerts. Students must comply with the guidelines below. It is important for our ensembles to look as professional as possible.

Men: **Black**, collared, long sleeve dress shirt (no t-shirts or polos)
 Black dress pants (no black jeans)
 Black dress shoes & black socks (no tennis shoes)

Women: *May wear the above men's uniform, or:*
 Black blouse or top (no spaghetti straps)
 Black skirt or pants (skirts *must* cover the knees while sitting)
 Black shoes or black dress sandals (no flip flops)
 Optional silver, gold, black jewelry (please avoid "chunky" style items)

Pep Band Performance Dress

Normal school dress code rules apply. Students are encouraged to participate in dress up theme nights throughout the pep band season. On nights where there isn't a designated theme, students are encouraged to wear Watertown apparel.