

# Norwalk High School Band

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## Wind Symphony Grading Procedures 2007-08

Congratulations on your acceptance into Wind Symphony. We will be experimenting with numerous concepts, philosophies, and repertoire. We all must keep an open mind and work towards the future development of the music program at Norwalk High School. This document will address the philosophies toward grading in this class.

### Grading

Every student receives a quarterly grade, mid-term grade and final grade. Quarterly grades are determined by the following process.

60% Rehearsal (during & outside of the school day) attendance, private lessons, All State participation, performances, music preparation, equipment preparation, uniform preparation and class preparation

40% Playing and written examinations, homework assignments

The mid-term grade is determined by a written and performing examination during the assigned mid-term examination period.

The final grade is composed of the average of four quarterly grades with the average of the mid-term and final examinations. Students exempt from the final exam will have their four quarterly and mid-term grades averaged for the final grade. Each quarterly grade and averaged term examinations are equivalent to one fifth of the final grade.

### Requirements

1. Students will study privately for the entire school year.
2. Students will audition for All State (Dec. 8th).
3. Students will attend one evening rehearsal(two hour) per month. During the months of September and October, marching rehearsals will fulfill this requirement.
4. Students will perform in a small ensemble at the ASBDA Festival or a like festival.
5. Students do not participate in the lesson pull out program.
6. Chair placement for September - January will be based on the the results of the students All State score. The director reserves the right to make adjustments if apparent inconsistencies exist in the scoring (ie. multiple judges, criteria change, etc.).
7. Chair placement for February-June and acceptance into the 2007-08 ensemble will be based on an audition held in late January.
8. The final exam grade will be based on a portfolio presentation and performing in graduation.
9. Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory. Exceptions are death in the family, religious holiday and serious illness.
10. **All music will be photocopied and placed in a black three ring binder.** Originals will be returned to Wind Symphony Librarian. This binder will contain copies of all performed or rehearsed repertoire, written listing of all repertoire, lesson materials and solos performed or studied during

the academic year, dates of performances and rehearsals, evaluation sheets, coordinate sheets, and other pertinent material necessary for your final portfolio assessment.

11. Concert attire:  
Ladies: Long sleeve, floor length black dress, solid black tights, black shoes - dress will be purchased through the band  
Gentlemen: Black tuxedo, white pointed tux shirt, black bow tie, black cumberbund, solid black socks, polished black shoes
12. Everyone must audition for Regional and All State(if accepted). I will be more than happy to assist you in the learning of the material. All State registration forms and money are due September 17th. The materials will be distributed on Friday. This is a major part of your assessment for the first quarter. Your primary focus is not the judges scores. You must demonstrate to me that you prepared up to and beyond your potential for this evaluation.