

Parkway North Music Department

Student Handbook 2011-2012

Mr. Andrew LaRose – Band, Mr. Ken Rapini – Orchestra, Mr. Mark Linn - Band
Mr. Brian Reeves- Choir, Ms. Emily Matthews - Choir

Grading and Attendance Procedures

25% Practice, 75% Performance Events

Practice - 25% - The practice grade may include any and all rehearsals of the ensemble or section, as well as individual practice. With regards to class time, each student may receive a possible ten points per day. Students are expected to be in class on time and actively engaged in rehearsal as well as contributing to discussions. Deductions may be made at the discretion of the director. Absences, excused or unexcused, will initially count as zero points. Point loss from unexcused absences may not be made up. Point loss from excused absences may be made up within parameters set by the individual teacher. It is the responsibility of the student to pursue and complete the make-up assignment.

Tardies - It is crucial that rehearsals start on time. A tardy will be assessed when a choir student is not on the risers when the bell rings. Band and orchestra students need to be in the room when the bell rings and actively setting up personal equipment. This process should not take longer than two minutes. Students late from another school function, other teacher, or the office will not be counted tardy if they have a pass. All tardies will result in a 5 point deduction from the daily participation grade. Any and all tardies may result in school detention(s).

Performance Events – 75% - The performance event grade can include, but is not limited to, written assignments, tests, quizzes, projects, playing/singing tests, dress rehearsals and performances. All written assignments and tests will be completed in pencil. Performance events missed due to an excused absence* may be made up in full. It is the responsibility of the student to meet with the instructor at an appropriate time to obtain the make-up assignment.

Dress Rehearsals and Performances - Concerts and dress rehearsals are culminating events of the extensive educational musical experience. Every student is vital to the ensemble. Music classes are among the very few in which each person's action/performance affects the overall performance of the group. An unexcused dress rehearsal or performance absence will result in zero points.

* To be considered for an excused absence, must:

1. Have parent or guardian email the ensemble director directly or call Parkway North (415-7600) and dial the appropriate teacher's voice mail: Mr. Rapini (55614), Mr. Linn (55613), Mr. Reeves (55634), Mr. LaRose (55624) Ms. Matthews (57648)
2. State the reason that you will not be attending the event.
3. The student should check-in with the director to find out if the absence was excused and, if so, receive the make-up assignment. As a general rule only absences related to sickness and death of a family member will be excused. Conflicts with PNH-sponsored athletics are resolved in advanced between the music instructors and the Activities Director. **** Please read – For excused absences, the grade will change only after the make-up work is completed.** The 18-week semester grade is cumulative, not an average, of the six-week grades.

Extra Credit may be awarded at the discretion of the director.

Honor Grade - Any junior or senior enrolled in an approved honor grade class is eligible. The H Grade requirements and process have changed as of 2011-2012 and is standardized throughout Parkway. You must meet individually with your ensemble director within the first 3 weeks of school to be eligible for an honors grade.

