

# Parkway North Music Department

## Student Handbook 2009-2010

Mr. Andrew LaRose – Band, Mr. Ken Rapini – Orchestra, Mr. Mark Linn - Band  
Mr. Brian Reeves- Choir, Mr. Derrick Fox - Choir

### Grading and Attendance Procedures

35% Daily Participation, 30% Performance Tests, Class Work and Sectionals  
35% Dress Rehearsal and Performances

**Daily Participation 35%** - Each student may receive a possible ten points per day. Students are expected to be in class on time and actively engaged in rehearsing 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 the make-up assignment with their teacher.

**Tardies** - It is crucial that rehearsals start on time. A tardy will be assessed when a student is not on the risers when the bell rings (choir). 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 as 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 Tests, Class Work, and Sectionals 30%** - Testing will include, but is not exclusive to, written assignments, tests, quizzes, projects and individual performing tests. For any missed assignment or test due to an excused absence, it is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements with the instructor to make up the work. All written tests and assignments will be completed in pencil.

**Dress Rehearsals and Performances 35%** - 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 one person's action/performance effects the overall performance of the group.

A student unable to attend a performance or dress rehearsal, to be considered for an excused absence, must:  
1. 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 ) Mr. Fox (57648)  
2. State the reason that you will not be attending the event.  
3. The next school day, bring a signed note from a parent stating the reason for absence.  
4. If the absence is excused, the student should see their instructor to receive the make-up assignment. As a general rule only absences related to sickness and loss of a family member will be excused. **\*\* Please read – For excused absences, the grade will change when the make-up work is completed, not when the absence is first considered excused.** Also, the 18-week semester grade is cumulative – music department grades are weighted - not an average of the three six-week grades.

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

**Honor Grade** - Any sophomore, junior or senior enrolled in an approved honor grade class is eligible. An application (see attached) must be completed and submitted at the performance jury. All of the requirements must be met on the application. For choir, the paper must be turned in to Mr. Fox one full week before the jury. The determination of whether or not an Honor Grade is given is based upon how well a student has met the written requirements specified on the application and upon the performance at the jury. Only the highest level of musical performance will be considered for an H grade.

