

M-CHS Advanced Band Grading Policy

Fall 2019

Students enrolled in the M-CHS Advanced Band will be graded on four basic elements during the semester:

Daily Class Contributions	1 point per day, 5 points per week
Playing Exams	up to 50 points per exam
Written Assignments	2-5 points apiece
Performances	10 points per performance

Daily Class Contributions: Students can earn full credit by arriving to class on time with all necessary equipment, not using cell phones in class, demonstrating on-task behavior, and contributing to the rehearsal through engaged preparation and participation. Students who request to use class time to take a test, see a teacher, etc. may be allowed to do so at the instructor's discretion, but will result in the student receiving a zero for their CC grade for the day. As this is an advanced high school course, appropriate rehearsal etiquette is expected at all times, and improper behavior will result in grades being docked without warning. Please note that the following behaviors will result in the following point deductions:

Tardy	- 0.25 points per occurrence
Inappropriate cell phone use during class	- 0.5 points per occurrence
Off-task behavior (disruptive talking, working on other homework, etc)	- 0.5 points per occurrence
Failure to play when asked	- 1 point
Failure to abide by policies outlined in the band handbook (ex: truancy, disrespectful behavior, inappropriate language, etc)	- 1 point - Additional disciplinary action as necessary

Playing Exams: Students will be required to prepare and perform selections in front of their peers or instructors at different points throughout the semester. Further details about these assessments will be provided at a later time.

Written Assignments: Throughout the school year, students will be required to complete a number of written assignments pertaining to material being studied in class. Each written assignment will be worth anywhere from 2 to 5 points, and can include anything from post-concert reflections to exit tickets. Further details about these assignments will be given closer to the time of the assignment.

Performance: Students are expected to attend and participate in all advanced band performances as listed on the back of this page. Students anticipating a conflict must communicate with Miss Zdanowski BEFORE the scheduled performance to arrange for make-up work. Please refer to the band handbook in regards to excused and unexcused absences. Unexcused absences to any performance will result in a zero for the grade. Please see the reverse side of this sheet for the complete spring performance schedule.

Tentative Fall 2019 Performance Schedule

Please note that the performance schedule is subject to change, and that we will do our best to notify everyone of any changes as soon as possible. Be sure to check your email and the band website for the most up-to-date schedule!

Friday, August 30th	Home Football Game Performance, time TBA
Saturday, September 14th	Tentative Durango Clinic
Friday, September 20th	Home Football Game Performance, time TBA
September 23rd-26th	Clinic Week! Rehearsals from 6pm-9pm @ M-CHS
Saturday, September 28th	Colorado West @ Grand Junction (depart Friday afternoon, return Saturday night)
Thursday, October 10th	Homecoming Parade
Friday, October 11th	Homecoming Football Game
Thursday, October 17th	CBA Regionals @ Grand Junction (depart Wednesday afternoon, return Thursday evening)
Friday, October 18th	Home Football Game Performance, time TBA
Friday, November 1st	Final Home Football Game
Thursday, November 7th	Tentative Community Appreciation Concert, 6:00pm @ Panther Stadium
Monday, November 4th	CBA State @ Grand Junction (depart Sunday, perform Monday, return Tuesday morning)
Saturday, November 9th	TENTATIVE BOA St. George @ St. George, Utah (depart Friday, November 8th, return Sunday, November 10th)
Monday, November 11th	Tentative Veteran's Day Parade Performance
Saturday, December 7th	Tentative Parade of Lights Performance
Tuesday, December 17th	M-CHS Holiday Concert, 7pm @ M-CHS Auditorium

Eligibility

Members of the Montezuma-Cortez High School Band program are expected to meet the guidelines outlined in the school-wide academic eligibility policy, which states as follows: *Any students missing class for a school-sanctioned activity must earn a minimum GPA of 2.0, and be passing ALL classes.*

Grade checks are run by the activities office every Monday, and final grade checks are run on Wednesday afternoons. It is the responsibility of band students to be proactive in checking their grades and turning in work on time to ensure that they remain eligible. I repeat: it is NOT the responsibility of Miss Zdanowski or Mr. Mohr or even your teachers to ensure that you remain eligible... it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY...Check Powerschool often, and communicate with your teachers.

Students who miss a band performance due to ineligibility will only be allowed to make up their performance grade up to a C. Students failing to meet eligibility requirements will not be allowed back into advanced band the following semester.

Class Rules

Members of the Montezuma-Cortez High School Band are constantly representing their school as well as their band program. Students are expected to demonstrate respect and maturity at all times. Class rules include:

- 1) Be respectful. This includes treating all teachers, administrators, parents, and other students with complete respect. This means not talking while another person is talking, and always being polite and courteous to everyone you encounter in your actions and language. Absolutely NO foul language will be tolerated at ANY time during a band rehearsal or related activity.
- 2) Cell phone use during class is to be limited, and cannot be disruptive to rehearsal. Failure to use good judgement in cell phone use will result in a lowering of the student's weekly classroom contribution grade.
- 3) Students are not to leave rehearsal without the permission of the instructor. Not only is this in the school handbook, but it presents a safety issue. Wandering the building or leaving campus during morning rehearsals (or any rehearsal for that matter) will not be tolerated.
- 4) Public Displays of Affection are to be limited and respectful to helpless bystanders. Please do not force someone to talk to Miss Z about your uncomfortable behavior with your significant other - no one wants to have that conversation!
- 5) Participation in the MCHS advanced band is a privilege - not a right. Students in this ensemble are expected to behave at a level that is above and beyond what is expected of most of the general student population on a daily basis. Failure to abide by classroom rules and policies, or failure to use good judgement of conduct at any time (both in class and outside of class) can result in removal from the ensemble at the director's discretion.