

FORWARD

As a member of the Liberty High School Band Program, you are a part of one of Liberty High School's most respected organizations. ***The success of the Band will depend on the LOYALTY, COOPERATION, and DEDICATION of each and every member.*** The guidelines outlined on the following pages are simple, sound, and easy to understand. They reflect years of experience and hours of careful thought and planning. In following them, you are meeting an obligation that you owe to your band, school, community, and most importantly - ***TO YOURSELF!***

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM'S PHILOSOPHY

- To teach an appreciation and understanding of the performing arts and how music influences and reflects history and culture.
- To teach the importance of self-discipline, cooperation, loyalty, and respect for others, as well as the importance of responsibility.
- To create in students a desire and appreciation for excellence in performance of any endeavor.
- To teach students how to set individual goals and how to accomplish those goals.
- To teach students the skills and tools needed to perform to the best of their ability.

GRADING

Grades of students in instrumental music classes are based on participation and skill development. The following are areas that students are subject to be graded on.

PARTICIPATION:

How the student attends rehearsals and performances (having all required items), etiquette on dress, behavior and promptness.

How the student shows interest and desire to learn in class.

How the student shows respect for instructors, peers, and self.

How the student maintains his / her instrument & learning materials.

SKILL:

How the student progresses on his / her instrument (tests).

How the student contributes to the ensemble in skill and attitude, as evidenced in performance and behavior.

GRADING will be done as follows:

20 pts. Per day for daily participation if student has all required items
(instrument, music, lyre, flip folder, pencil, proper marching shoes, etc.)

100 pts. Per each performance

Do not expect a high grade in band if there is a deficiency in any of the above areas. Any student with a reasonable work ethic, and a willingness to respect rules and authority will succeed in band, regardless of talent and or aptitude. Any student lacking in respect or a good work ethic will not succeed in band, regardless of talent and or aptitude.