

Rehearsal participation (30-40%)

- Bring instrument and music to every rehearsal
- Be ready to start on time, stay on task, be respectful and do not disturb others
- Seek to improve with each repetition
- Mark suggestions in your part with a pencil
- Make a positive contribution to the rehearsal experience

Individual Performance Assessments (30%)

- Show evidence of preparation for quarterly playing tests (1-2)
- Perform excerpts with poise and confidence
- Demonstrate improvement in performance as the year progresses

Ensemble Performance Assessments (30%)

- Be responsible with your schedule, identify conflicts in advance, find solutions
- Prompt attendance is required for dress rehearsals and concerts
- Wear proper concert attire to show respect for the audience
- Display appropriate concert behavior throughout the performance
- Lead the audience by example by modelling active listening and enthusiastic support
- Note that your responsibilities end when the concert finishes

Semester Project (10%) (Due 2nd & 4th Quarter as part of Individual assessment)

The performance requirements must be met by the end of each semester. Students are required to complete one project that encourages their involvement in music outside the classroom. Students may choose from the following list of musical activities, but may not choose the same for both projects:

- Weekly Private lessons - submit form with teacher contact info, time of lesson, literature studied)
- Participation in an outside orchestra – AYP, McLean Youth, regular worship service
- Audition or participation at VBODA event (District, SRO, All-State, Solo & Ensemble)
- Concert Review (Langley group or involving string instruments – description and critique)
- Essay on a musical topic of interest (composer or musical reflection)
- Class presentation introducing literature being played
- Original composition
- Unique project of similar scope

Mid-Term/Final Exam Policy/Weight

- Concerts serve as exams

All grading will be based on a total points system. Grades will then be calculated using the FCPS grading policy as outlined here:

- A (93-100) = 4.0
- A- (90-92) = 3.7
- B+ (87-89) = 3.3
- B (83-86) = 3.0
- B- (80-82) = 2.7
- C+ (77-79) = 2.3
- C (73-76) = 2.0
- C- (70-72) = 1.7
- D+ (67-69) = 1.3
- D (64-66) = 1.0
- F (below 64) = 0.0