

Alki Bands

Grading Policy

The Alki Band class is a performance based style of class. This means that as a member of this class you are a part of a performing ensemble. Each member of the band should be at all performances throughout the year. When even one student misses a performance you are letting your other band members down by leaving your part out of the performance after working so hard in class to get all of the music at a high level of excellence.

Grading in this class is based primarily on attendance at rehearsals and performances. You must be at all rehearsals and performances to get an 'A' grade in this class.

'A' student – is in class every day with his/her instrument and is ready to play no more than two minutes after the tardy bell rings. This person always has their music ready to go and their instrument is always in good playing condition. Attitude is exemplary and is conducive to the positive direction of the band. Playing tests are well done and show evidence of work at home. Has made all performances.

'B' student - is in class every day with his/her instrument and is ready to play no more than two minutes after the tardy bell rings. This person always has their music ready to go and their instrument is always in good playing condition. Attitude is exemplary and is conducive to the positive direction of the band. Playing tests show evidence of hard work but are lacking in details. Has made all performances.

'C' student - is in class every day with his/her instrument and is ready to play no more than two minutes after the tardy bell rings. This person always has their music ready to go and their instrument is always in good playing condition. Attitude is exemplary and is conducive to the positive direction of the band. Playing tests have not been done well, but the student is trying hard. Has made all performances.

'D' student – sometimes forgets instrument and has to sit in class without participating. This person sometimes talks in class and is disruptive to the class process. This person has missed one performance. This student needs to re-evaluate why they are in the band program and make some changes to improve to be a better member of the band.

'F' student - – sometimes forgets instrument and has to sit in class without participating. This has missed more than one performance. This student needs to re-evaluate why they are in the band program and make some changes to improve to be a better member of the band. A conference needs to be made with the parents to evaluate how to get his student back on track.

It is my hope that all band students at Alki will be 'A' students. It is my goal to give you the tools needed to play your instrument so you can become an 'A' student and be a strong contributing member of this group. Your responsibility will be to practice your music at school and at home on a regular basis to accomplish this task. Band is a lot of hard work, but it should also be the most fun class in your school day!