

Ferris Orchestra Grading Policy

General Grading Factors

Personal and Social Responsibility – Citizenship:

Members of the Orchestra are expected to be the best musicians and model citizens that they can be. Students are expected to:

- Arrive in class on time
- Be prepared with all tools need for class
- Work as a team player within their section
- Have an excellent attitude
- Contribute to the classroom environment in a positive manner

Skills and Technique:

String techniques and fundamentals will be taught and applied to performances. Students will learn to collaborate on musical projects and demonstrate understanding through various assessments, including but not limited to tests and performances. Each class will perform in local and regional festivals, concerts, and competitions. Rehearsals in and out of school are required.

Music Literacy:

Students will rehearse and perform music from traditional orchestra, chamber orchestra, solo literature, jazz and world folk music. They will analyze and evaluate rehearsals and performances, and the impact music has in our lives. They will also be completing online theory assignments through Breezin' Thru Theory.

Creativity and Performing:

Participation in concerts is critical. Concerts are the culmination of the work done over the course of two or three months and are the equivalent to a final.

Concert Participation and Performance Policy:

Missing a performance without an excused absence will result in a "0" for the performance.

Concert Make Up Policy:

If you cannot attend a concert, notice must be given 2 weeks in advance. Exceptions will be made in cases of emergency. If the student does have an excused absence, an assignment will be given that is to be completed by the last day of the quarter in which the absence occurred.

