

**Northwestern School Corporation
Music Curriculum
Classroom Assessments**

High School Advanced Band

There are many ways that students are assessed in Instrumental Music classes. In one sense, because band is a performance-based class, the band members' performance capabilities will be constantly evaluated through professional adjudication services at competitions – including marching band invitationals and ISSMA competitions, solo/ensemble contest and ISSMA Organizational Festival - which the High School Advanced Band members will participate in regularly. This is an extremely formal process of performance evaluation which is governed by the Indiana State School Music Association and to which scores are assigned according to the various ISSMA adjudication rubrics. These rubrics may be accessed through the Indiana State School Music Association (www.issma.net) or by contacting the Director of Bands. **Students will NEVER receive a grade for class based on their rating received at an ISSMA event.**

Local assessments are also used in instrumental music classes. These assessments may be formal or informal, and are used constantly throughout each day of class. Assessments of students may include, but are not limited to:

- Attendance at all Concerts and Performances (REQUIRED)**
- Attendance at all co-curricular rehearsals (REQUIRED)**
- Playing Quizzes and Tests (performance-based)**
 - may be individual or with partners, small groups, or sections
- Marching Style Checks (performance-based)**
- Memorization Checks**
- Written Quizzes and Tests**
- Written Assignments**
- Written Evaluations of Performances**
- Class Participation**
- Class Attendance**