

Music Class Grades

Intermediate students receive a numerical grade in Music class. This grade is primarily comprised of grades for their participation in class each week, as well as a few grades for written work throughout the nine-week grading period.

I have always described "participation" to my students as, "doing what you are supposed to be doing, when you are supposed to be doing it, and making a good effort." The rubric below shows the primary criteria I consider when giving participation grades. Students will receive the grade for the level on which they exhibit the most criteria. Students will periodically evaluate their participation in class using these criteria to help them reflect on the choices they make and take responsibility for their music grade.

	4 = 100	3 = 90	2 = 80	1 = 70	0 = 0
Effort	You gave your best effort throughout class	You gave good effort 90% of the time	You gave a little effort but could have done a lot better.	Your effort level was very low.	You did not participate in class activities
Listening	You listened to the teacher with eyes and ears.	You listened to instructions.	You were a little distracted sometimes.	You were often off task.	You did not pay attention in class.
Following instructions	You followed all instructions quickly and quietly.	You followed most instructions with slight delay.	You followed most instructions, eventually.	You needed reminders to follow instructions.	You did not follow instructions.
Self control	You talked only at appropriate times.	You talked at the wrong time sometimes.	You allowed yourself to talk too much during class or talked out during instruction.	You frequently distracted others by talking.	You disrupted the learning environment with talking or poor behavior.
Engagement	You often raised your hand or volunteered.	You raised your hand sometimes.	You rarely raised your hand, if at all	You did not raise your hand to participate.	You did not raise your hand to participate.
Responsibility	You took excellent care of instruments and materials.	You took excellent care of instruments and materials.	You did not always take care of instruments and materials.	You did not take care of instruments and materials.	You did not take care of instruments and materials.

Students also receive a citizenship grade of E, S, N, or U. Students receive and sign a "sad note" to take home to a parent if they do not correct a problem behavior after a warning. Sad note to citizenship grade ratio each nine weeks is:

- 0-1 = E
- 2 = S
- 3 = N
- 4 = U