

# Requirements for Position of Merkismathr (Standard Bearer)

## Rank 6: Merkismathr; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Marking Period 2

Play the following exercises on Smartmusic from Standard of Excellence Book II. You must score 80% or better to pass the requirement for rank advancement. Percussion will record both bells and drums for each exercise in smartmusic.

1. #24
2. #36
3. #47
4. #48
5. #49
6. Pass the Enharmonics test with a score of 80% or higher.

SmartMusic Procedures:

1. From the Desktop of the computer, Double click the **Smartmusic 10** icon to open Smartmusic
2. Check your microphone placement and level in the first screen the click the **Next** button.
3. On the following screen, click **Finished**.
4. On the main Smartmusic screen, click the **assignment** button or go the the **assignment** menu and choose "assignment...".
5. enter your login email and password.
6. Choose an assignment to practice by clicking once on the assignment name then click the **open** button.
7. Practice your assignment then either submit it, try again or save your performance for to decide to submit it later or not.
8. When you are finished, click the **assignment** button again and choose **Logout**.

Your grade for the marking period will be calculated by averaging your score for these exercises and quizzes according to the grade rationale.

### Other Options:

1. 10 extra credit points can be earned by receiving a rating of I or II at Solo Ensemble during MP3.  
Earn a III and receive 5 points.  
No points are given for a rating of VI or Below
2. 5 points of Extra Credit may be earned toward your grade by completing 2 weeks of practice records. These only will be applied to the current marking period. Other Extra Credit is available. See Mr. Miller. See the grade rationale for Details.
3. Other options are available, See Mr. Miller

### What is a Merkismathr?

One of the only two specifically military posts referred to at the time was the **Merkismathr** or Standard Bearer. The Standard being the flag of the king. This was an honored position since many Viking standards were said to have magical properties. Some also were thought to have mystical powers and that they brought the favor of Odin (the master of all the Norse Gods) and to any army carrying them. A famous example is the Reafan (Raven) Standard.

If your were to be the Merkismathr, you most likely belonged to a class of individuals known also as karls or wealthy noblemen. In our society you would be quite wealthy and a member of the upper class.

"Viking Military Organization" *Regia Anglorum*

<http://www.regia.org/viking3.htm>

[Accessed August 5, 2004]

1.) "The Vikings" *Tom Setzer*

<http://www.inisfail.com/~ancients/the-vikings.html>

[Accessed August 8, 2004].