

North Middle School Bands

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Change in Smartmusic grading procedure (This was passed out to families at conferences)

As I have worked with the new version of Smartmusic this fall, I have decided to implement some changes in grading and reporting grades.

1. Each assignment will be worth 150 points. 50/150 will be the percentage grade that the computer assigns the assessment. This is based on the number of correct notes played compared to the total number of notes in the assignment. 100/150 points will be graded by my listening to the recording of the student playing the assignment.

I am changing this because, the computer sometimes will assign poor grades to students who might simply be playing out of tune, not exactly in rhythm, or who do not have the microphone adjusted properly. I will be able to hear through these problems and assign a grade accordingly.

2. You will need to view the student progress on the playing assignments by logging into <https://www.smartmusic.com/impact/>

Use the same login name and password your child uses to login onto smartmusic in class. They should have this information recorded.

THE GRADE YOU SEE ON THE SMARTMUSIC WEBSITE IS NOT THE TOTAL BAND GRADE!

Because I give students all marking period to finish and perfect these playing assignments, you need to monitor the smartmusic website for the playing assignments. Most students fail or do poorly in band because they do not complete the playing assignments. If you monitor this website, you will be able to track which assignments your child has yet to complete. Remember that I give them all marking period to complete these. For those assignments that have been submitted but ones where students wish to re-play, please ask me to reset the assignment.

THE ZANGLE PARENT CONNECT GRADE WILL SHOW AN "E" UNTIL THESE ASSIGNMENTS ARE COMPLETED AND GRADED.

I will transfer the smartmusic playing assignment grades periodically throughout the marking period. As they are completed, the total band grade will move up into passing status. The ZangleGradebook will reflect the other graded categories of band class throughout the marking period.

I AM DOING THIS SO YOU DO NOT GET A FALSE GRADE BY LOOKING AT THE ZANGLE SITE ALONE.