



Springfield Spartan Marching Band Grading Policy



After School/Summer Rehearsals-

- Attendance will be taken at every rehearsal. A rehearsal is worth 5 points. If you participate at the rehearsal for the entire time, and have required materials you will receive all the points available.
 - At all rehearsals students need to have their instrument, music, and tennis shoes, unless otherwise indicated by the director. Failure to bring the proper equipment will result in the loss of 1 point per infraction.
- If you are late or have to leave early, you will lose 1 rehearsal point per 15 minutes (rounded to the nearest 15 minutes). If you have an absence from rehearsal you will receive 0 points. In either case, if it is excused, you will be able to make up the missed points. If it is unexcused you will not be able to make up the missing points. To be considered excused it must qualify as an acceptable excuse, **AND** must be documented on time on the proper form.

Acceptable absences

- Absent from school or early dismissal
- Doctor's Appointments (please try to make them on non rehearsal days if at all possible)
- Pre-approved time split for sports (as determined by Mrs. Fraley and coach)
- Family Emergency
- Unavoidable family events- (Funeral, wedding, etc)
- Vacations that are communicated at LEAST 2 weeks in advance

Non acceptable absences

- Work- you have the schedule WELL enough in advance, communicate with your employer
- Transportation issues
- Choosing to skip
- Participation in non school related sports or clubs
- Vacations without prior notification

Performances -

- Attendance will be taken at every performance (games, band shows, parades, etc.) . A performance is worth 10 points. If you participate at the performance for the entire time, are wearing your uniform correctly, and have required materials you will receive all the points available.
 - At all performances students need to have their instrument, music, and proper uniform attire, unless otherwise indicated by the director. Failure to bring the proper equipment will result in the loss of 1 point per infraction.
 - Wearing the uniform correctly means- no jewelry or make up, gloves, jacket, pants, marching band t-shirt, helmet, baseball cap, correct marching shoes, and black shin length socks. Uniform infractions will result in the loss of 2 points.
- If you have an excused absence to a performance, you will receive 0 points. However, with an excused absence you will be able to make up the points that you missed.
- If you have an unexcused absence to a rehearsal/performance, you will receive 0 points with no option to make up the points.



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Music Memorization-

- Pregame, 1st Show, and 2nd Show music check offs are worth 4 points each. Out of the 11-12 songs we perform, 8 must be checked off (played from memory for a section leader, or band staff member). 4 songs need to be checked off by midterms, and the other 4 songs by the end of the 9 weeks.
- You must have a total of 8 songs checked off prior to the Turkey Festival to be able to perform at the event.

Options to Make Up missed points-

- Points will only be applied to excused absences. They may NOT be used to make up for not bringing materials to rehearsals or games, and may NOT be used towards unexcused absences.

4 Points Each

- Attending a professional or collegiate Orchestra, Band, or Jazz Concert
- Attending clinics held by universities/music professionals
- Taking private, paid lessons from a college level or above teacher
- Parent or Family Member working Bingo on a Monday Night (Band Nights only)
- Extra credit performances as opportunities are given

2 Points Each

- Spartan Bingo set up or tear down (student or parent)
- Being a practice tutor for ½ hour
- ½ hour of extra practice outside of rehearsal
- Attending sectionals outside of the scheduled rehearsal time
- Attending your section's "studio" time.