

Shaker Band Honor Credit 2017-2018

The goal of band honor credit is to improve student musicianship. The directors have included a variety of activities. The activities are weighted based on their time commitment and direct musical impact. Students are not required to sign-up for honor credit. If they choose to take honor credit they may not change levels through the year. They are committing to the honor program for the entire year. Band and Band Honor Credit are separate courses.

Each semester students must complete 10 honor points. If they fail to complete their points by the deadline, January 21 (semester 1) and June 2 (semester 2) the following grading scale will be used:

10 or more honor points earned: the best possible grade in band will be an "A".

7 to 9 honor points earned: the best possible grade in band will be a "B".

3 to 6 honor points earned: the best possible grade in band will be a "C".

0-2 honor points earned: the best possible grade will be a "D".

The deadlines will be strictly adhered to. The directors need time to review materials prior to turning in grades. The deadlines will be:

1st Semester - January 18, 2018

2nd semester – May 25, 2018

During the first week of each semester the honor student must complete the Band Honor Credit Point Sheet. They will list how they intend to earn their points for the semester indicated. The sheet is a guideline to help the students. Students may change how their points are earned throughout the semester.

**All honor students must perform in the Shaker Chamber Music Festival,
January 28th, 2017, as part of their honor requirement.**

All seniors going on project, will receive 3 honor points second semester. The second semester deadline for project seniors will be: April 23, 2018.

We are excited that our students have so many opportunities to improve their musicianship. We encourage everybody to review the program. If it is right for you, then go for it! We have one of the finest Bands in the State and are always working to improve our program.

Musically Yours,

THE SHAKER BAND STAFF

Band Honor Credit Point Sheet

(Information on points can be found on shakerbands.org Forms and Info Page)

Name _____ Date _____

Band _____ Circle one: 1st semester 2nd semester

Director _____ Counselor _____

Grade _____ Student ID # _____ Phone # _____

I intend to earn my honor points by fulfilling the following options:

Option	Point Value	(Office Use) Completed
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Total

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

(The parent signature is required semester 1, because this sheet will enroll the student in the honor level class.)

Due by Friday, December 15, 2017

BAND Honor Credit OPTIONS

2017-2018

Solo and Ensemble Contest: Required for everyone 2nd semester: 1-3 points **Saturday, February 3, 2018**

All music performed must be on the required music list. Your director will assist you in choosing music at an appropriate level. Playing a solo or as part of a small ensemble are acceptable ways to earn credit. Practice times outside of the regular school day are imperative to success at this event. Each student may count one solo and/or one ensemble towards their requirement.

Private Lessons: 2-3 points per grading period (4-6 per semester)

Students must take private lessons for the entire grading period. The student and their teacher must complete the Private Lesson Verification Sheet. It includes areas of progress, attendance and effort. You must have a satisfactory report in order to earn points. Lessons on your band instrument are worth 3 points. Lessons on a secondary instrument are worth two points.

The Shaker Wind Ensemble

Members of the Shaker Wind Ensemble in good standing will receive 5 honor points per grading period.

The Shaker Symphonic Band

Members of the Shaker Symphonic Band in good standing will receive 3 honor points per grading period.

C.Y.W.S I/II, C.O.Y.O. , Jazz at Tri-C, New Music Ensemble..: 3 points per grading period

Members in good standing will receive three points per grading period.

Percussion Ensemble with Luke Rinderknecht: 2 points per grading period

Luke will acknowledge that each member has earned credit. Credit will be issued based on attendance and effort.

French Horn Choir with Mr. Cheshier: 2 points per grading period

Mr. Cheshier acknowledges that each member has earned credit. Credit will be issued based on attendance and effort.

Critique of a performance: 1 - 2 points

All critiques must be typed. They should be one-and-a-half to two pages in length. Use a font size no larger than 14. All critiques should have the program and or ticket stub attached.

- 1- All Star Music Ensemble: ie. C.Y.W.S. concert or C.O.Y.O. concert. 2 points
- 2- Professional Level Concert: A concert review where you hear professional musicians perform ie... Cleveland Orchestra or Ballet. Ask your director if the concert you are considering will be given credit. 2 points
- 3- School Concert: Attend and review any school band, choir or orchestra concert you do not perform in. This includes the Middle School, Woodbury or another district's concert. 1 point (You can earn a second point at Shaker Band concerts by assisting. This includes showing up 45 minutes early to help with set-up, ushering and staying 15 minutes after the concert to help with tear down. Proper attire is required. The director in charge will verify your help.)
- 4- Community, Church or Synagogue Concert: Attend and review a concert in the community or at church. 1 point
- 5- Pop or Rock Concert: Attend and review a rock concert. 1 point (maximum 2 points per period for the option)

Playing Your Instrument in Public: ie...church, synagogue 2-3 points

You must turn in the program from the event where you played. Check with your director to insure that your event will earn credit in this category. If you perform as part of a group, you will earn 2 points. If you perform a solo, you will earn 3 points.

Tutor a Woodbury Band Member: 3 points per grading period

The student should not receive payment for this lesson. Give a weekly lesson to a fifth or sixth grade band member. Lessons should last for 30 minutes. You should keep a journal commenting weekly on the student's progress, your recommendations and what you have learned from the experience. You will need to turn in the journal at the end of each semester. 3 points

Composer Report: 2 points

All reports must be typed. There should be a one-and-a-half page summary of the composer's life and a one-and-a-half page of how their music has impacted your musicianship. Use a font size no larger than 14.

Attend a special event for your instrument: 2 points

Many of the area universities have Flute Day or Double Reed Day..... Attend the event and write a paragraph describing what you have learned. 2 points

All Star Band: 2 points

Many of the area universities have All Star Band Weekends. Your director will have recommendation and audition information. Attend the event and write a paragraph describing what you have learned. 2 points

Weekly Practice Recordings: 3 points per grading period

Record all of your current band music. Recordings should be approximately 20 minutes in length. They are due every Friday. It is your responsibility to make sure that your recording is in on time every week. Late recordings will not be accepted. Recordings should show your weekly progress as you work to improve the music. 3 points

Record Scales: 1 - 3 points

Recording should be labeled with your name and date. You may use each pattern one time per year. Prior to playing, name the scale in concert pitch and then your pitch. If you make a mistake, try again. Turn in a complete recordings without mistakes.

Pattern 1 (1 point)- All 15 major scales and a 2 octave chromatic scale at the tempo indicated.

♩ = 72



Pattern 2 (2 points)- All 15 major scales and a 2 octave chromatic scale at the tempo indicated.

♩ = 112



Pattern 3 (3 points)- All 15 major scales, 15 natural minor scales and a 2 octave chromatic scale. Play the major scale and then its' relative minor at the tempo indicated. Make sure to name both scales.

♩ = 112



Squad Leader for the Marching Band: 3 points first semester

Squad leaders in good standing will receive three points first semester.

Special Assignment: 1-4 points

You can suggest or request a special assignment. ie.. transposing a part, composition, writing a part from a score.... Do not assume. Communicate with your director before, during and following completion. 1 - 4 points

The Shaker Band Honor Credit Private Lesson Verification Sheet

The **student** should complete the following section:

Student Name _____ Date _____

Band Instrument _____ Lesson Instrument _____

Private Teacher _____ Teachers Phone # _____

August 23, 2017 - January 18, 2018 January 22, 2018 - June 5, 2018

The **teacher** should complete the following section:

Attitude: ___Excellent ___Good ___Average ___Poor

Practice: ___Excellent ___Good ___Average ___Poor

Effort: ___Excellent ___Good ___Average ___Poor

Attendance: ___Excellent ___Good ___Average ___Poor

Number of lessons during this period _____

Number of unexcused missed lessons during this period _____

Teacher's Signature _____

Thank you for your efforts.
Private lessons are a key to our success.