

# **BAND FINAL EXAM STUDY GUIDE: 2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER**

FINAL EXAM IS WORTH 20% OF SEMESTER GRADE

## **PERFORMANCE OF WIND LITERATURE SECTION (90%):**

### **Wind Literature Section part 1: Smart Music Evaluation (80%)**

Each band will perform a band piece at the Smart Music grade level listed below. Smart Music records the student performance and grades the student accuracy of notes and rhythms at a given tempo. This grade will count for 80% of the final exam grade.

- Concert Band: *Pathways* by Michael Oare. Quarter note = 150
- Symphonic Band: *Die Forelle* by Franz Schubert. Quarter note = 72
- Wind Symphony: *I AM* by Andrew Boysen Jr. Quarter note = 130
- Wind Ensemble: *Vesuvius* by Frank Ticheli. Quarter note = 150

### **Wind Literature Section part 2: Teacher Evaluation (10%)**

The band teachers will listen to the Smart Music recordings from above and evaluate the recording using the rubric listed here. This grade will count for 10% of the final exam grade.

<b>TONE</b>	<b>INTERPRETATION</b>	<b>TECHNIQUE</b>	<b>INTONATION</b>
2.0 – Full resonant tone 1.5 – Trouble w/extreme ranges/dynamics 1.0 – Average 0.5 – Airy/thin/bright/forced (unfocused/unsupported) 0.0 – No sound	<i>Dynamics, Expressions, Phrasing</i> 2.0 – All played accurately 1.5 – Most played accurately 1.0 – Some played accurately 0.5 – Few played accurately 0.0 – None played accurately	<i>Articulations, Dexterity</i> 2.0 – All played accurately 1.5 – Mostly played accurately 1.0 – Some played accurately 0.5 – Few played accurately 0.0 – None played accurately	2.0 – All played in tune 1.5 – Mostly played in tune 1.0 – Some played in tune 0.5 – Few played in tune 0.0 – None played in tune

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## **SIGHTREADING SECTION:**

### **WEIGHTING: 10% OF EXAM SCORE**

All band students will perform a sightreading example based on their year in our program. Smart Music records the student performance and grades the student accuracy of notes and rhythms at a given tempo. This grade will count for 10% of the final exam grade.

- Freshman will perform a Year 1 Sightreading example using Smart Music.
- Sophomores will perform a Year 2 Sightreading example using Smart Music.
- Juniors will perform a Year 3 Sightreading example using Smart Music.
- Seniors (if needed) will perform the Year 3 Sightreading example using Smart Music.

**\*\*\*\*All Smart Music assessments will take place on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> of final exam week\*\*\*\***