



## Grading Practices

School: Princess Anne High School

Subject(s): Orchestra

Grade Level: 9-12

### Homework

- In orchestra, practicing your string instrument is your daily homework.
- Classwork, such as worksheets and Music Theory, if not completed in class, may be taken home and submitted the next class day.
- There will also be times when students will need to spend time outside of class studying for a test, doing research, listening to music or creating a project.

### Late Work

Graded assignments may be eligible for a late submission up to two class periods after the due date. If after that time the assignment has not been completed, the student may be required to finish it at an Academic Development Block or after school Academic Development with Mrs. Hughes:

- Academic Development will take place from 2:30 to 3:30 in the Music Lab.
- If the student completes and submits the work prior to assigned session, the student is not required to attend Academic Development.
- If the student does not attend Academic Development after 2 attempts, a referral for insubordination and defiance will be written.

Late work will incur a penalty of no more than 10% of the grade.

### Explanation of Zeroes

If a graded assignment has not been submitted up to two class periods after the due date, the student will be assigned Academic Support with Mrs. Hughes (2:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Music Lab). If the student does not attend Academic Development after 2 attempts, the student will receive a referral for insubordination and defiance. If the student still has not completed the assignment, the student will receive a 0 for that assignment.

- Students with chronic patterns of missing work will be referred to their counselor or the SRT.
- Late work will incur a penalty of no more than 10% of the grade.
- All work must be submitted a week before the end of the assigned 9-weeks period.
- Students with relevant accommodations will be given extra time to complete work.

### Reassessment

Assignments will be valuable and meaningful. Students who have not achieved mastery (a grade of 80% or above) on a graded assignment may be offered options for academic recovery. Students who choose to improve their grade, whatever their grade is, will have the opportunity to do so.

- Retakes must be completed within two weeks of the original due date.
- Students can earn 100% of the points on a retake.
- Graded assignments are eligible for a redo or retake without academic penalty, with the exception of scheduled rehearsals, concerts and performances.
- Redoing or retaking a playing or written test:
  - Student must sign-up for a help session to receive remediation before redo or retake
  - The playing or written test may be different
    - Playing example: a different excerpt from the music that allows student to demonstrate the same skill
    - Written example: different questions that allows student to demonstrate the same skill
- Students with chronic patterns of missing work will be referred to their counselor or the SRT.

### **Make-up Work**

Students who are absent on the day of an assessment must be prepared to take the assessment on their day of their return to class.

### **Extra Credit**

At times, there is extra credit offered on an assignment. Example: In a composition assignment, the student may receive extra credit for including more instrument parts than required or creating a longer composition than required.

For additional information, please access the [VBCPS Grading Guidelines for Secondary Schools](http://vbschools.com) on vbschools.com.