

## PERFORMANCE PARTICIPATION AS A TEST GRADE

Students enrolled in performance-based classes such as band, choir, orchestra, dance team, and/or Theatre Arts are expected to participate in live performances. Performances extend what is taught in the classroom and are often the culmination of a unit of study.

The majority of a school's live performances must, of necessity, take place outside the school day (in the evening) because:

- (1) The majority of parents/guardians are unable to attend performances scheduled during the day;
- (2) A performance scheduled during the school day would necessitate other students missing all or a portion of an academic class to provide an audience for the performing students.

The actual performance of material studied in a unit of instruction is one way to assess student mastery of the material. Students enrolled in performance-based classes should expect to be accountable for mastering the material and to be expected to participate in a performance/test. Directors will see that performance dates and times are given to students and parents at the beginning of each school year. The calendar of events should be changed only when extenuating circumstances make it necessary.

If a student is not present at a performance/test, he/she is expected to bring a note explaining the absence. The note should be presented to the teacher the next day. Whether the absence is excused and appropriate make-up work can be given will be decided on an individual basis. Examples of excused absences are illness of the student, death in the family, etc.