

# The Hoover Band/Orchestra

## Honors Credit Program

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 honors credit. If they choose to take honors credit, they may not change levels through the year. They are committing to the honors program for the entire year. Band and Band Honors Credit are separate courses. Orchestra and Orchestra Honors Credit are separate courses.

Each semester, students must complete 12 honor points. If they fail to complete their points by the deadline, January 6<sup>th</sup> (semester 1) and May 11<sup>th</sup> (semester 2) the following grading scale will be used:

- 12 or more honor points earned: the final grade will be 100% of the grade earned.
- 11 honor points earned: the final grade will be 91% of the final grade earned.
- 10 honor points earned: the final grade will be 89% of the final grade earned.
- 9 honor points earned: the final grade will be 87% of the final grade earned.
- 8 honor points earned: the final grade will be 85% of the final grade earned.
- 7 honor points earned: the final grade will be 83% of the final grade earned.
- 6 honor points earned: the final grade will be 81% of the final grade earned.
- 5 honor points earned: the final grade will be 79% of the final grade earned.
- 4 honor points earned: the final grade will be 77% of the final grade earned.
- 3 honor points earned: the final grade will be 75% of the final grade earned.
- 2 honor points earned: the final grade will be 73% of the final grade earned.
- 0-1 honor point earned: the final grade will be 71% of the final grade earned.

### Examples

Honor Points Earned	Grade before weighting	% of final grade	Final Grade
11	97	91%	88.27
6	94	81%	76.14
10	98	89%	87.22

Honors Credit Final Grades GPA:

A = 4.5

B = 3.5

C = 2.5

D = 1.5

F = .5

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

1<sup>st</sup> Semester - January 6, 2012      2<sup>nd</sup> semester - May 11, 2012

During the first week of each semester, the honors student must complete the Band/Orchestra Honors 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 O.M.E.A. Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event, January 28, 2012, as part of their honors requirement.***

All changes from Honors to Regular Band must be made in accordance with school policy. This policy is within the first 20 days of the semester.

We are excited that our students have so many opportunities to improve their musicianship. We encourage everybody to review the program.

***The Hoover Instrumental Music Staff***

# Band/Orchestra Honors Credit Point Sheet

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Ensemble \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One:    1st Semester    2nd Semester

Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to complete honor points by fulfilling the following options:

Option	Point Value	(office only) Completed

Total Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Due by September 9, 2011**

# Band/Orchestra Honors Credit Options

## ***Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event: Required for everyone 2<sup>nd</sup> semester: 1-3 points Saturday, January 28, 2012***

All music performed must be on the required music list. Your director or your private teacher 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.

A Rating of a I or II will earn the student 3 points.

A Rating of a III will earn the student 2 points.

Directors may issue point(s) for other ratings based on special circumstances.

### **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 preparation for lessons. 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 Hoover Symphonic Band and Hoover String Orchestra**

Members of the Hoover Symphonic Band or Hoover String Orchestra in good standing will receive 5 honor points per semester.

### **The Hoover Concert Band**

Members of the Hoover Concert Band in good standing will receive 3 honor points per semester.

### **The Hoover Freshman Band**

Members of the Hoover Concert Band in good standing will receive 2 honor points per semester.

### **Hoover Jazz One**

Members of Hoover Jazz One in good standing will receive 2 honor points per semester. For each rehearsal missed the final honor points will be reduced by 1.

### **Hoover Jazz Two**

Members of Hoover Jazz Two in good standing will receive 2 honor points per semester. For each rehearsal missed the final honor points will be reduced by 1.

### **Hoover Full Orchestra**

Members of Hoover Full Orchestra in good standing will receive 2 honor points per semester. For each rehearsal missed the final honor points will be reduced by 1.

### **Canton Youth Symphony, Akron Youth Symphony, Cleveland Youth Symphony, Cleveland Symphonic Winds, Cleveland Youth Contemporary Ensemble, or other similar ensembles.**

Members in good standing will receive 2 points per semester.

### **Hoover Pep Band**

Members of Hoover Pep Band in good standing will receive 2 honor points second semester. Must have perfect attendance for 2 honor points. Each absence will reduce the honor points by 1.

### **Hoover Percussion Ensemble (if offered)**

Members of Hoover Percussion Ensemble in good standing will receive 1 honor point second semester.

### **Hoover Clarinet Choir (if offered)**

Members of Hoover Clarinet Choir in good standing will receive 1 honor point second semester.

### **Hoover Flute Choir (if offered)**

Members of Hoover Flute in good standing will receive 1 honor point second semester.

### **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. Canton Youth Symphony 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, or another district's concert. 1 point (You can earn a second point at Hoover Band or orchestra concerts by assisting. The director in charge will verify your assistance.)
- 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 this 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. Maximum per semester is 3 points.

**Attend a special event for your instrument: 2 points**

Many of the area universities have Flute Day or Double Reed Day (or other special event for your instrument). Attend the event and write a paragraph describing what you have learned. 2 points

**All Star/Honors Band or Orchestra: 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

**All State Band or Orchestra: 5 points**

Selection into and completion of All State Band or Orchestra is a difficult task. Your director will have recommendation and audition information. Attend the event and write a paragraph describing what you have learned. 5 points

**S.P.I.R.I.T Team Member for the Marching Band: 3 points first semester**

S.P.I.R.I.T. Team members in good standing will receive three points first semester.

**Section Leader for the Marching Band: 2 points first semester.**

Section Leaders in good standing will receive two points first semester.

**Perfect Attendance Through Marching Season: 5 points first semester**

If a student is able to have perfect attendance for the *entire marching season*, they will receive five points. In order to get these points, the student cannot have any absences or tardies, **excused or unexcused**. If you are using this option, you must inform Mr. Varn during the first day of band camp. The attendance begins the first rehearsal following Band Camp.

**Section Leader for the Hoover Symphonic/Concert/Freshman Band: 1 point per grading period**

Section Leaders in good standing will receive one point per semester. Requirements to provide accurate bowing patterns for all section members.

**Section Leader for the String Orchestra: 1 point per grading period**

Section Leaders in good standing will receive one point per semester. Requirements to provide accurate bowing patterns for all section members.

**Musical Pit Orchestra (if selected): 2 points**

Musical Pit Orchestra Members in good standing will receive two points for the second semester.

**Special Assignment: 1-4 points**

You may *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 Hoover Band/Orchestra Honors Credit Private Lesson Verification Sheet

The student should complete the following section:

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Band Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Lesson Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Private Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

August 24, 2011 - January 12, 2012

January 13, 2012 - May 17, 2012

Private Teacher please complete the following:

Attendance:    \_\_\_ Excellent            \_\_\_ Good            \_\_\_ Average            \_\_\_ Poor

Preparation:    \_\_\_ Excellent            \_\_\_ Good            \_\_\_ Average            \_\_\_ Poor

Effort:            \_\_\_ Excellent            \_\_\_ Good            \_\_\_ Average            \_\_\_ Poor

Cooperation:    \_\_\_ Excellent            \_\_\_ Good            \_\_\_ Average            \_\_\_ Poor

Number of lessons during this period \_\_\_\_\_

Number of unexcused lessons during this period \_\_\_\_\_

(each **unexcused** will reduce credit by 1 private lesson credit)

Private Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_