2026-2027
C-PPHS Instrumental Grading Policy

Thank you for choosing to continue your passion for music by enrolling in band. The staff believes that music education instills more than musical goals, it instills values that students use to stand out after graduation. Our program has high standards and values your participation in setting a high level of dedication. Our grading policy is meant to reward students who show a high level of communication, participation and dedication.

All students participate in marching band 4th marking period.

Lessons	**50%** Each lesson will be graded out of 5 points 3 points for attendance, 1 point for bringing assigned material, 1 point for effort/improvement	**Lessons are at the core of our curriculum because this is where the students receive highly specified, individualized information in order to increase musicianship.** *students get 1 free miss a MP*
Rehearsal	**15%** Rehearsal grades will be determined by attendance to in school and out of school rehearsal	**Rehearsals are where students learn the important value of cooperation and collaboration. Students receive a more diversified pallet of information as external staff is brought in to share their expertise.**
Performances	**35%** All performances are mandatory and must be attended unless cleared by the director	**Each individual is vital to the quality and presentation of the ensemble. Our ensembles are the most visible groups that represent our community.**
Final Exam	**Worth 10% of the final grade**	**This is averaged with the 4 MP to create a final grade. Students take both a written and playing exam.**

Make up lessons – Students who have scheduling conflicts will not be punished for missing lessons as long as it is communicated with their lesson teacher with-in 24 hours of the lesson. All lessons must be made up within two weeks of scheduled lesson or the grade will result in a zero.

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Please tear off and return by 9/11

We have read the instrumental grading policy and understand the commitments. We also understand that there is extra-curricular involvement and we will do all in our ability to fulfill that obligation. We understand that all absences should be communicated with the director of the student's ensemble.

Guardian's Signature _____

Student's Signature_____

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Important Band Dates 2026-27

Please mark these in your calendar (more information at www.cppbands.org)

2026

September 9th – Home Show Planning Committee Meeting, 6:30 @Library (Band Boosters)
September 10th – Band Booster Meeting, 7pm@CPPHS Library (All are welcome)
September 11th – Home Football v Utica (Perf Band)
September 12th – Jordan-Elbridge Competition (Comp Band)
September 15th – First Jazz Band Rehearsal, 7:15am in C103 (All are welcome)
– Home Show(s) Planning Committee Meeting, 6:30 @Library (Band Boosters)
September 18th – Home Football v Binghamton (Perf Band)
September 18th – Sister City Welcome Performance 3rd and 4th periods (Comp and Perf Band)
September 25th – Home Football v Elmira (Perf Band)
September 26th – Crystal City Competition (Comp and Perf Band)

October 3rd – Wellsboro and Lancaster Show (Comp Band)
October 7th – Home Show(s) Planning Committee Meeting, 6:30@Library (Band Boosters)
October 8th – Band Booster Meeting, 7pm@CPPHS Library (All are welcome)
October 16th – Home Football v Vestal **Homecoming** (Perf Band)
October 17th – Central Mountain Show (Comp Band)
October 24th – Bandtoberfest (Comp and Perf Band)
October 25th – Kingston Show (Comp Band)
October 29th – Halloween Parade (Perf Band and friends)
October 31st – Comp Band Send Off Show, 12pm, Corning Memorial Stadium (All are welcome)

November 1st - NYSFBC Championships, JMA Dome, Syracuse, NY (Comp Band and friends)
Beginning of November – Seating Auditions (All Instrumentalists)
November 3rd – Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 4:30pm (All)
– Fall Celebration of Bands (All)
November 6th-7th – Jr High Area All-State Music Festival @ Genesee Valley, Belmont, NY (Honors Band)
November 7th – Potential Home Football Sectionals (Perf Band)
November 10th – Indoor Drumline Workshop 1, 6-8:30 @CPPHS (All are welcome)
November 12th – Band Booster Meeting, 7pm@CPPHS Library (All are welcome)
November 17th – Indoor Drumline Workshop 2, 6-8:30 @CPPHS (All are welcome)
– Winter Shows Planning Committee Meeting, 6:30pm @CPPHS Library (Band Boosters)
November 20th-21st – Sr High Area All State Music Festival @ Elmira (Honors Band)
November 24th-27th – Chicago Band Trip (Registrants)
November 28th – Parade of Lights (Comp Band, Perf Band and friends)

December 3rd-6th – NYSSMA All State Conference @Rochester (Honors Band)
December 10th – Band Booster Meeting, 7pm@CPPHS Library (All are welcome)
December 17th – Holiday Instrumental, 7:00pm @CPPHS (All)

2027

January 14th – Band Booster Meeting, 7pm@CPPHS Library (All are welcome)
January 15th-16th – All County Vocal Auditions, @Avoca (Audition)
January 23rd – All County Instrumental Auditions, Campbell-Savona (Audition)

February 11th – Band Booster Meeting, 7pm@CPPHS Library (All are welcome)
February 13th – WGI Corning Guard Regional (Winter Guard and friends)
February 14th – WGI Corning Percussion Regional (Indoor Drumline and friends)
February 24th – Prism Concert Dress Rehearsal, 6-8pm @CPPHS (All Bands)
February 25th – Prism Concert, 7pm @CPPHS (All Bands)

March 12th – Band Booster Meeting, 7pm@CPPHS Library (All are welcome)
March 19th-20th – Sr High All County Band Festival @CPPHS (Honors Band)
March 31st – Spring Instrumental Concert, 7pm @CPPHS (All)

April 3rd – NECGC Championship @Gates-Chili HS (Winter Guard and friends)
April 4th – NYSPC @Gates-Chili HS (Indoor Drumline and friends)
April 8th – Band Booster Meeting, 7pm@CPPHS Library (All are welcome)
April 13th-17th – Indoor Drumline Travels to Dayton, OH for WGI World Championships
April 23rd-24th – NYSSMA Solo Fest @ Hendy Elementary, Elmira (Audition)

Mid-Early May - Final Exams
May 13th - Band Booster Meeting, 7pm@CPPHS Library (All are welcome)
May 18th – Spring Choral Concert, 7:00pm
May 21st – Gorham Pageant of Bands (Jazz)
May 22nd – Gorham Pageant of Bands (All)
May 31st – Memorial Day Performance (Painted Post), Report @ 8:30am (All)
May 27th – Competition Band Information Night, 6pm @CPPHS Theater (All are welcome)

June 2nd – All-District Band Pull-Out Rehearsal
June 3rd – All-District Band Concert, 6:30pm @CPPHS
June 7th – Band Celebration, 6pm @CPPHS Gym (All)
June 10th – Band Booster Meeting, 7pm@CPPHS Library (All are welcome)
June 11th – Battle of the Bands, 6pm @CPPHS Theater (All are welcome)
June 12th – Colonial Days/Montour Falls, Report @9am (All)
June 19th – Laurel Festival, Report @ 11am (All)
June 24th – Graduation Rehearsal, 12-1pm @CPPHS (All but Seniors, incoming 8th graders welcome)
June 26th – Graduation Performance, 6-9pm @CPPHS (All but Seniors, incoming 8th graders welcome)

July 8th - Band Booster Meeting, 7pm@CPPHS Library (All are welcome)
July 12th-16th – Boost! Summer Music Camp (tentative)

August 2nd-5th – Competition Band Camp Week 1 @CPPHS
August 16th-20th – Competition Band Camp Week 2 @CPPHS
August 13th - Band Booster Meeting, 7pm@CPPHS Library (All are welcome)
August 30th- September 3rd – Performance Band Camp @CPPHS