

# **GUIDELINES FOR PRACTICE RECORDINGS**

## **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAND**

### **Why practice recordings?**

The reason for recording your practice is for you and your teacher to evaluate your progress on the recent literature you are working on. As teachers we call this an assessment.

### **What are the students going to record?**

The students are to record exercises from their Method Book and small excerpts from their sheet music.

### **What will the students be graded on?**

All students will be graded in the following categories:

Tone Quality (producing a characteristic sound) 6 points  
Intonation (playing in tune) 6 points  
Rhythmic Accuracy (correct rhythm and tempo) 6 points  
Dynamics (volume or volume changes that are written) 6 points  
Fluency (amount of starts and stops) 6 points

TOTAL POINTS FOR PRACTICE RECORDING WILL BE 30 points

### **Will there be recording devices available to use?**

Yes. Students will have to ask the band director for recording devices. Cassettes, microphones, and recorders are available to take home, but they must be brought back. Make sure you label the cassette tape with your name and grade. There will be no evaluation of quality recording.

### **Can the students record from their computer?**

Yes. All students who have Windows 96 or above have the ability to record from their computer. The program can be located by pressing start, programs, accessories, entertainment , sound recording in that order. Those students who do not have built in microphone can borrow one from Mr. Eaton, but it has to be brought back to him as soon as possible. Students can save the file to a flash drive or a CD.

### **When are the practice recordings due?**

All practice recordings for the first quarter need to be turned into Mr. Eaton by the week of Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Please do not wait until the last minute due to the fact of the small amount of recording devices we have at the school.

### **Is there a system to use for recording your practice?**

Your teacher prefers all students to record the exercises and excerpts one at a time. Press stop in between each piece you record. This is the best way to record on your computer also, so the recording will take up much space in the file.

