

# Grading Policy

Students are given two grades for music. One is for content knowledge and skill and the other is for behavior and participation. The following scale will be used:

Proficient = The student is showing mastery of the objectives for the quarter.

Developing = The student is showing progress toward mastering the objectives but needs more practice.

Area of Concern = The student is having difficulty with the class objectives.

## Synergy Grade Book System:

I am currently using the Synergy Grade Book System to record grades for all students. You may see a student's grades at any time by using the Parent Vue Portal just as you would for classroom grades.\* I use a code for behavior so that you can see what rule/expectation your child was having difficulty with if his/her grade is below 100%. The most common codes you will see are as follows:

AB – Absent (or not present in music class)

AL – Active Listening

FD – Following Directions

RS – Student Respect

RT – Teacher Respect

MD – Multiple Disruptions

PB – Personal Best

IU – Instrument Use

NR – No recorder brought to class

**\*Kindergarten parents** please note that you will need to look at Quarter Two for both Quarter One and Quarter Two Grades and you will need to look at Quarter Four for both Quarter Three and Quarter Four grades since kindergarten students only receive a report card twice per year.

I firmly believe that all students are capable of achieving a "Proficient" in Behavior and Participation. Students who do not are usually not making good choices. This is not the case for Knowledge and Skills, however. A "Developing" is not a cause for concern due to the developmental nature of learning musical skills.