

# Grading Policies and Eligibility

## Grading Policy

At Akins HS we have Standards Based Grading as a campus. Below is an explanation of what that will look like, we will describe student achievement in terms of mastery.

- Missing -MSG (missing assignments) 0%
- No Evidence -NE (has not demonstrated the skill) 0%
- Insufficient Evidence -INS (even with help, no understanding or skill demonstrated) 50%
- Emerging -EM (with help, a partial understanding of simpler concepts) 60%
- Approaches -AP (no major errors with simpler concepts, but major errors in main and complex concepts) 70%
- Satisfactory -SAT (no major errors with main concepts, still major errors in complex concepts) 80%
- Proficient -PRF (student meets expectations and understanding simple and complex concepts) 90%
- Mastery -MST (student makes inferences beyond the basic standards and beyond what was taught in class) 100%

Above is how grades within each section of the grade book are determined, and below is how the total grade is split up. 40% of each student's grade are the Singing/Playing tests given in class, 40% are Homework and Daily Grades, and all are considered Formative Assessments. Performances, the Concerts and Major Tests are considered Summative Assessments and are 60% of the total grade.. Details below.

## Playing Tests (40%)

- Orchestra (These are our playing test grades. They can only be made up during FIT time)
- Guitar (These are our playing exams. They can only be made up during FIT time)

## Daily Grades, Homework (40%)

- Orchestra (These are our regular playing assignments, folder checks, and after school rehearsals)
- Guitar (These are our regular written & playing assignments, folder checks and after school rehearsals)

## Concerts and Tests. (60%)

- Orchestra & Guitar (These are our concert grades - there are about four each year. They can only be made up with an excused note from a parent or doctor with a valid reason for missing, and students must complete the make up assignment that is detailed later in this handbook and turn it in 2 days after the missed event. If the reason for missing was known about beforehand, the student must tell Mr. Mann or Mr. Hernandez two days prior to the event.)

## Eligibility

Per UIL, in order to be eligible to participate, students must be passing all classes with a 70% or higher, or a 60% or higher in Pre-AP and AP classes. Students must abide by all rules and regulations set for Akins High School, the Orchestra & Guitar Music Department, & Austin ISD.