

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.