



## Cedar Springs Middle School Band Explanation of Pass-Off System and Badges

### Trimester 2 and 3 Requirements

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> trimesters of 7<sup>th</sup> grade band, we begin to use a system of assessments and rewards with the goal of improving individual musicianship. The two hallmarks of the assessment system are pass-offs and badges, both explained below.

### Pass-Offs

Each six-week period, students are given a list of objectives that they must meet. These will often include scales that must be memorized and performed, rhythm studies or etudes to be learned, sight-reading exams, and sometimes organizational tasks (neat and orderly folder, case, and locker). The first of these objective sheets must be completed by Friday, February 11. After this date, a new six-week pass-off sheet will be handed out and will be due at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester. All details for completion are noted on the pass-off sheet. Failure to complete the pass-off sheet will result in mandatory one-on-one after-school practice sessions with Mr. Shaw until objectives are met.

### Badges

We believe it is important to set short term and long term goals, and to provide students with the option to push themselves beyond a minimum level of performance. Badges provide the means for this differentiation. Each trimester, there are 5 possible badges to achieve. All students are asked to meet a minimum standard, the "Good Band Member" badge by Friday, February 11, and the "Excellent Band Member" badge by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester in March.

Students who want an extra challenge may perform more pieces and achieve all the badges as soon as they like. Students who achieve the "Superior Band Member" or "Outstanding Band Member" badges will receive special privileges within the school (to be decided by Mr. Shaw and Mrs. Spahr), and will be recognized on the wall in the band room and at concerts.

Failure to complete the minimum badge requirements will result in mandatory one-on-one after-school practice sessions with Mr. Shaw until objectives are met.

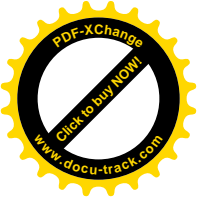


### Other Details

All pass-off and badge sheets can be found under the middle school tab at the band website: [www.cedarspringsbands.org](http://www.cedarspringsbands.org). Please also feel free to call Mr. Shaw at (616) 696-1200 ext. 6269 with questions or concerns.

Both the badges and pass-off systems count for test grades toward the final trimester grade. These are pass/fail grades (100 pts).

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_



# Cedar Springs Middle School Band

## All Wind Players

### Trimester 2 Objectives Part 1

*Students are responsible for completing all of the listed objectives prior to the end of the six weeks. Objectives must be completed with 100% accuracy in order to be checked off. No partial credit will be awarded for each objective. Students may pass off objectives during class with either Mr. Shaw or Mr. Borst and after school by appointment.*

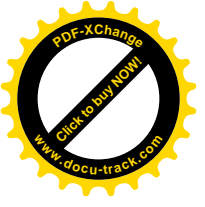
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|-------|---|
| _____ | Correctly perform the Bb scale in a one-octave range by memory              |
| _____ | Correctly perform the Eb scale in a one-octave range by memory              |
| _____ | Correct perform the Ab scale in a one-octave range by memory                |
| _____ | Correctly perform the F scale in one-octave range by memory                 |
| _____ | Correctly perform the chromatic scale in a one-octave range (not by memory) |
| _____ | Complete at least the "Good Band Member" badge                              |

***Pass Off Standards***

*All performance material must be performed with characteristic tone quality (including vibrato when appropriate), correct notes, correct rhythms, dynamics, phrasing, articulation, and intonation. Percussionists must use correct sticking. Preparation must be clearly evident. Failure to pass off material will require a minimum of one day to practice the assignment before another attempt can be made. **Only Mr. Borst or Mr. Shaw can pass off objectives.***

This objective sheet is due in class on Friday, February 11.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_



# Cedar Springs Middle School Band

## All Percussionists

### Trimester 2 Objectives Part 1

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|-------|--|
| _____ | Correctly perform the Bb scale in a one-octave range by memory                 |
| _____ | Correctly perform the Eb scale in a one-octave range by memory                 |
| _____ | Correct perform the Ab scale in a one-octave range by memory                   |
| _____ | Correctly perform the F scale in one-octave range by memory                    |
| _____ | Correctly perform a 2-octave chromatic scale by memory                         |
| _____ | Perform a paradiddle, flam-a-diddle, single stroke roll and double stroke roll |
| _____ | Complete at least the "Good Band Member" badge                                 |

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# Cedar Springs Middle School Band: Trimester 2 Badges

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Winds

BAND MEMBER	
_____	44
_____	45
_____	49
_____	52

<i>Good Band Member</i>	
_____	46
_____	50
_____	54
_____	55

Excellent Band Member	
_____	53
_____	56
_____	58
_____	61

Superior band member	
_____	65
_____	66
_____	67
_____	73 (no repeats)

Outstanding band member !	
_____	70
_____	71 (no repeats)
_____	76
_____	78

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Friday, February 11.



# Cedar Springs Middle School Band Trimester 2 Badges



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Percussion

<b>BAND MEMBER</b>	
_____ 44	_____ LLRB 7
_____ 45	_____ LLRB 10
_____ 49	
_____ 52	

<i>Good Band Member</i>	
_____ 46	_____ LLRB 12
_____ 50	_____ LLRB 13
_____ 54	
_____ 55	

<b>Excellent Band Member</b>	
_____ 53	_____ LLRB 14
_____ 56	_____ LLRB 18
_____ 58	
_____ 61	

<b>Superior band member</b>	
_____ 65	_____ LLRB 19
_____ 66	_____ LLRB 20
_____ 67	
_____ 73 (no repeats)	

<b>Outstanding band member !</b>	
_____ 70	_____ LLRB 21
_____ 71 (no repeats)	_____ LLRB 22
_____ 76	
_____ 78	

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