

Practice Card Policy

Students are required to turn in parent signed practice records each Monday. Starting the first six weeks, students are expected to practice every day. Students must practice regularly to achieve a continuing level of success and improve on their instruments. All students, regardless of performance level, need to practice, not only to learn the assigned music for class but to improve as performers, as well. To receive full credit, students must practice for 150-220 minutes per week for no less than five days per week. 10 points will be deducted for each day under the required five days. The shown practice card should be filled out each day the student practices, signed by a parent, and returned to school on Monday. Please remember to total up the minutes and write the amount in the indicated Total box. Each 6 weeks, the student will get a new practice card from Mr. Garcia. If a student loses their practice card, more cards are available in the orchestra room or can be downloaded from the Brandeis Orchestra website (www.brandeishsorchestra.org) under the Handbook link. Ten points will be deducted from a student's grade each day the practice card is late and the second day late (usually Wednesday) will be the last day practice cards are accepted for the week.

Practice time will be graded as follows:

JV		Varsity		VB,Prep	
Grade	Time Practiced in Minutes	Grade	Time Practiced in minutes	Grade	Time Practiced in minutes
115	240-up	115	290-up	115	210-up
110	220-239	110	270-289	110	190-209
105	200-219	105	240-269	105	170-189
100	180-199	100	220-239	100	150-169
95	160-179	95	200-219	95	130-149
90	140-159	90	180-199	90	110-129
85	120-139	85	160-179	85	90-109
80	100-119	80	140-159	80	80-89
75	80-99	75	120-139	75	70-79
70	60-79	70	100-119	70	60-69
65	50-59	65	80-99	65	50-59
60	40-49	60	60-89	60	40-49
50	Less than 40 minutes	50	Less than 60 minutes w/practice record turned in.	50	Less than 40 minutes w/practice record turned in.
0	No practice record turned in.	0	No practice record turned in.	0	No practice record turned in.

Practicing is not an optional “when I feel like it” activity. Practicing is required homework and is vital to the success of every individual. Practicing must become a habit and part of your everyday routine for you to improve. Practicing should be done at home in a quiet place. Instruments need to go home every day.