

Honor & Advanced Band Chair Point System

The chair point system is used in the Ruckel Honor Band and Ruckel Advanced Band to determine seating. Each student may accumulate points by passing off any of the items listed below. Some of these items are required in the curriculum and some are optional. Students will sit in chair order based on the number of chair points that they earn. Chair placement is determined by counting the total number of chair points students have earned for the current school year.

**Chair points can be deducted from your total for missing rehearsals, performances, or chronic misbehavior.*

1. Scales (from memory)	1 point per octave
2. Middle School Scale Cycle (in 2 minutes or less)	10 points
3. High School Scale Cycle (in 2 minutes or less)	20 points
4. All-State Lyrical & Technical Exercise	10 points each
5. All-County Lyrical Exercise & Technical Exercise	6 points each
6. Thirds (wind players, not from memory, hand out only)	1 point per octave
7. Honor Band Technical Exercise #1 (WW only)	10 points
8. Honor Band Technical Exercise #2 (WW only)	10 points
9. Lip Slurs (Brass only)	10 points
10. Rudiments (percussion, from memory)	1 points
11. Audition for All-State Band	10 points
12. Make All-State Band	5 points
13. Audition for All-County Band	6 points
14. Make All-County Band	3 points
15. Play a solo at Solo & Ensemble Festival	10 points
16. Play an ensemble at Solo & Ensemble Festival	5 points
17. Earn a Superior rating at Solo & Ensemble Festival	5 points
18. Standard of Excellence Books 1, 2 & 3 (all lines)	1 points
19. Advanced Rubank Books Volume 1 & 2 (all lines)	2 points
20. Private Lessons	1 point each lesson
21. Tutor an underclassman on your instrument	1 point each lesson
22. Red Book Rhythms #31-40 (counts written/count out loud)	10 points
23. Blue Book Rhythms #1-10 (counts written/count out loud)	10 points
24. Natural Minor Scale Cycle (in 2 minutes or less)	10 points
25. Harmonic Minor Scale Cycle (in 2 minutes or less)	10 points
26. Melodic Minor Scale Cycle (in 2 minutes or less)	10 points

Awards

Gold Ram Award – Audition for All-State Band, Audition for All-County Band, make All-County Band, play a solo at Solo & Ensemble Festival, participate in the RMS Football Band, earn a minimum of 120 chair points.

Silver Ram Award – Audition for All-County Band, play a solo at Solo & Ensemble Festival, participate in the RMS Football Band, earn a minimum of 80 chair points.

Bronze Ram Award – Play either a solo or an ensemble at Solo & Ensemble Festival, participate in the RMS Football Band, earn a minimum of 60 chair points.

Pass Offs

Pass Offs will be completed via SmartMusic. I will be available on designated days from 2:30-3:30 p.m. for the purpose of passing off scales, or for questions regarding your music.

Private Lessons

Brief private lessons may be offered from time to time in preparation for major events like All-State or MPA. The lessons will start at 2:40 p.m. They will be 20 minutes in length. The number of lessons offered per day and the days lessons are offered may vary, depending on the director's schedule. The schedule for private lessons will be posted on the back door of the band room.

Tutoring

There are many students in lower level band classes who would benefit from an upperclassman teaching them things about their instrument. When you teach something, you get better at it yourself. This also builds a relationship between you and the other band students, helps students feel valued and important, and creates the #bandtogether environment we espouse here at Ruckel. Tutoring sessions can be held in the band room before (7:00-7:30 am) or after school (2:30-3:30 pm).