

Receiving Make Up Credit

It is important to understand that all band rehearsals and performances are mandatory for all members to attend. There may be a limited number of isolated cases in which attendance at a band event is not possible. In order to have your absence excused by Mr. Crystal, the student must discuss their potential conflict in person first and well in advance of the event (at least 1 week prior to the event) so that there is time to explore any other possible alternative. Absences will be excused and make up work accepted for any absence that is in accordance with the district attendance policy.

Step 1 – Speak directly with Mr. Crystal regarding the potential conflict. A sincere effort must be made to work around the conflict and explore all other possible alternatives before make up credit will be accepted.

Step 2 – Once your absence has been excused, you will be responsible for submitting a minimum 1300 word research paper (double-spaced) on a music related subject of your choice. You should look for areas of music that are of interest to you and could range from a composer biography, exploration of a particular style of music (including some of the main composers/performers associated with that style), the history of an instrument or instrument family, an exploration of a non-western music, or anything else that you can imagine. I encourage you to use this opportunity to explore and really learn about some aspect of music that you are sincerely curious about.

1. Identify a topic and discuss it with Mr. Crystal to be sure it is appropriate.
2. Begin the research process by identifying sources of information. Wikipedia may be a good place to get initial ideas about a subject, but should not be considered a primary source of information for an academic paper. All NPHS students have access to the J-STOR database which is a very powerful academic research database. You should be able to find plenty of good sources there. If you are having trouble finding sources, consult with the school librarian to help with your research.
3. After you have identified your sources, submit an informal outline with sources to Mr. Crystal. At this point, you should be prepared to talk about the highlights of what you have found and have a pretty clear idea of where your paper is going.
4. Begin writing the paper after your outline has been approved by Mr. Crystal and submit the final product via Turnitin.com. Class IDs are below:

Class Name: Concert Band

Class ID: 31780532

Password: Panthers!

Step 3 – The completed paper must be submitted to TurnItIn.com no later than 2 weeks after the event in order to receive credit. No credit will be given for papers submitted after that time.

Assuming all steps have been followed, you will receive full credit for the missing event or performance. However, if the work submitted is low quality, shorter than the expected length, the content shows signs of plagiarism or there is an excessive reliance on inadequate sources (Wikipedia), credit will be reduced or no credit given. If you'd like to have Mr. Crystal review your work and get some feedback before you turn it in, stop by the band office or send it via email.