

Symphonic Winds and Percussion

St. Thomas Aquinas Music Department

Course Codes – AMR10, AMR20, AMR30, AMR4M, and AMI4M

Evaluation

Playing Tests

Performances

Rehearsals

Verbal or Written Tests

Each student must complete 110 hours of course time in order to successfully complete a credit. Music courses rely on IN CLASS participation. Therefore, in order to meet the performance requirements of courses based on demonstrating skills, students must be accountable for their missed class time. In order to help students meet these time requirements, students will track their rehearsal and performance preparation time using a log sheet. (This sheet is similar to the 40 hr. of volunteer time log book for the OSSD)

I am a firm believer in students experiencing a full and varied education and I support students being involved in as many activities as they can balance effectively. If students miss rehearsals because of other activities, then they can make up that rehearsal time in other ways that support the group.

For example:

- 1) *Coming to the music room to practice at another time (I will sign their log each time)*
- 2) *Seeking other performance opportunities in the school community or elsewhere (I would sign their log sheet or whoever enlisted their services)*
- 3) *Additional SWP performances as a group*
- 4) *Extra ensembles outside of SWP (for example – the vocal show or drama pit bands, clarinet choirs, guitar or percussion ensembles)*
- 5) *Sound crew and venue preparation for music department functions*

Basically, any activity that is musical in nature and supports the music department initiatives would qualify for additional hours.

The following breakdown outlines the rehearsal and performance time for the year.

60 hours	(60 rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays x 1 hour)
4 hours	(Travel and performance to Local Venue)
4 hours	(Dress Rehearsal and performance of Christmas Concert)
10 hours	(Travel and performance to Winnipeg Optimist Festival)
6 hours	(Travel and performance tour of feeder schools)
4 hours	(Dress Rehearsal and performance of Spring Concert)
<u>2 hours</u>	(Performance at the Kenora Festival and the Arts)

90 hours

20 additional hours must be made up doing some or all of the above mentioned activities. There are definitely other activities that are possible but must be cleared with Mr. Ura first.

110 hours

