**Sachem High School East Orchestra Grading Policy**

Quarterly grades for students involved in performing groups including lessons will be based on the following criteria:

Daily Participation, Rotating Lessons, Exams/Quizzes, and Concerts. In each of these areas, the department will use

a point system to assess student performance. Guidelines for this grading policy are outlined below.

**Daily Participation** (40 points)

A. Preparedness

 Student brings instrument to class and it is in working order

 Student brings necessary materials to class

B. Performance

 Student’s initiative in practicing and preparing parts

 Following visual and verbal directions of the teacher

 Attitude

 Consistent quality of performance

 Improvement and self-motivation

**Lessons** (30 points)

A. Students must attend their scheduled lessons, with the exception of major tests in other subject areas

B. Progress through exercises or rudiments

C. Improved techniques

**Exams/Quizzes** (10 points\*)

A. Quizzes and exams will be used to assess student knowledge and understanding of performance material, technical material and basic skills.

**Concerts** (20 points) Attendance at all concerts is mandatory

A. On time to the warm-up

B. Proper attire

C. Materials and equipment in good order

D. Attentiveness to the conductor and musical detail

\* In the event where there is NO concert during a marking period, the exam grade will account for 30 points of the

 quarterly grade.

**Mid Term** (5%)

1. Students will take a mid-term exam. The mid-term exam is worth 5% of a student’s overall grade. The

mid-term exam will be a performance on part of the solo the student has chosen for the year.

**Final Exam** (15%)

1. Students will take a final exam. The final exam is worth 15% of a student’s overall grade. The final

exam will be the entire solo the student has chosen. Those who go to NYSSMA will use that as their final.