

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Mexico High School

## Honors Symphonic Band Application and Requirements

### Part 1: General Requirements

In addition to all requirements outlined in the Mexico High School Band Handbook, I agree to:

1. Attend all scheduled in-school lessons each quarter OR attend two (2) in-school lessons and at least five (5) lessons with an approved private music teacher each quarter towards my quarterly and overall Weekly Lesson Attendance averages.
2. Attend ALL scheduled Symphonic Band performances, which will count towards my quarterly and overall Performance (test grade) averages.
3. Attend at least 85% of scheduled after school and evening Marching Band rehearsals, which will count towards my quarterly and overall Weekly Participation averages.
4. Attend ALL scheduled Marching Band performances, which will count towards my quarterly and overall Performance (test grade) averages.

### Part 2: Additional Requirements

You must accrue at least 8 points in a year to receive honors credit for that year. Points are awarded by the scale below.

ACTIVITY	NOTES	POSSIBLE POINTS	POINTS AWARDED
Participation in Conference All-State	Any instrument or voice	8	
Mexico High School Drama Department Musical Participation	As a member of the Pit Band or a stage performer.	6	
NYSSMA Zone IV Area All-State Participation*	On the instrument you play in Symphonic Band	7	
NYSSMA Zone IV Area All-State Application*	On the instrument you play in Symphonic Band OR participation in a Area All-State vocal ensemble	3	
Oswego All-County Band OR Orchestra Participation*	On the instrument you play in Symphonic Band.	6	
Oswego All-County Audition*	On the instrument you play in Symphonic Band OR participation in an Oswego All-County vocal ensemble	3	
NYSSMA Level V or VI Solo^	A+, A, or A- rating. If you perform multiple solos, only the highest grade will count.	5	
NYSSMA Level IV Solo Rating^	“Outstanding” or “Excellent” rating. If you perform multiple solos, only the highest grade will count.	3	
NYSSMA Small Ensemble Level V or VI^	A+, A, or A- rating. If you perform in multiple small ensembles, only the highest grade will count.	4	
NYSSMA Small Ensemble Level IV^	“Outstanding” or “Excellent” rating. If you perform in multiple small ensembles, only the highest grade will count.	2	

\*For NYSSMA Zone IV Area All-State and Oswego All-County, you can either claim points for one application/audition or participation in each event, but not both.

^NYSSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival ratings must be performed on the instrument you play in Symphonic Band.

TOTAL POINTS EARNED \_\_\_\_\_

Honors Credit Earned?                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not awarded honors credit for any reason, you will be dropped from the Honors Symphonic Band section and registered into the "regular" Symphonic Band section. All grades earned during your time during Honors Symphonic Band will automatically be transferred into the "regular" Symphonic Band section.

If you are awarded honors credit, your points will be converted to the equivalent final examination grade below.

TOTAL POINTS	26+	25-24	23-21	20-17	16-13	12-9	8-0
EQUIVALENT FINAL EXAMINATION GRADE	100	99	98	97	96	95	90

I hereby apply for honors credit for the **2023-2024** school year. To obtain honors credit, I agree to complete the requirements as outlined below.

I understand that I have up through the end of 15 weeks to drop into the "regular" Symphonic Band class. After that time, I will not be allowed to drop Honors Symphonic Band and will be graded according to the requirements as outlined above, regardless of whether I am eligible to earn honors credit.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_