

## **Freedom Band Honors Certificate**

The FMS Band Honors program is designed to recognize students who go above and beyond the daily activities and requirements of the Freedom Bands. For their efforts throughout the year, students may earn points toward this award. Students who accumulate 75% or more of points available in a given school year will earn the **FMS Band Honors Certificate**. This certificate will be presented at an end-of-year band banquet and celebration and again at the school-wide awards assembly on the final day of school. In addition, these students' names will be engraved on a plaque to hang in the FMS band room. Each student will receive an individual plaque to commemorate his or her achievement.

### **Points will be given for the following types of activities:**

Successfully participating in a significant individual performance activity that is not required of all students. Successful participation shows evidence of high achievement and/or significant growth in skills.

Successfully participating in an instrumental performance activity that is not required of all students. Successful participation may or may not indicate significant growth in skills but does positively enhance and reinforce performance skills of the student.

Exceeding minimum expectations for significant individual instrumental performance activities required of all or most students.

Participating in a non-performance learning activity that contributes to your overall musical knowledge and growth.

Participating in a non-performance activity which provides service and enhances the band program. (For example: volunteering, band room work, etc.)

### **Examples of specific activities which will earn honor points:**

#### Practice records

- Since practice records are only occasionally a graded item. All practice minutes logged, verified by parent or director, and turned in on time, according to the guidelines on the practice record sheet, will be rewarded.

#### Skill and performance assessments

- Making a grade of A and B on required playing tests
- Exceeding the number of required playing tests for the quarter

#### Solo and Ensemble Festival

- Earning superior or excellent rating
- Entering events beyond the requirement for all (one solo at home event in fall, one solo and one ensemble in spring. Must earn an Excellent or Superior rating.

### Midstate Auditions

- Completing the audition process
- Winning a seat in an All-Mid-State band

### Participation in jazz band or other extra-curricular school ensemble

- Perfect attendance
- Miss no more than two rehearsals per semester

### Additional learning:

- Preparing and presenting in band and an academic subject class a lesson or project that combines music and a topic from the academic class. Must involve new learning in music.
- Preparing and presenting (to the band class only) a special-interest music project.
- Attending a professional music performance and presenting a short report (with visual and audio illustration) to the band class.
- Learning a secondary instrument well enough to perform on it

### Service through music:

Serving as a mentor or tutor to a younger band student

- 3 or more times per month
- 1-2 times per month

Performing in the community, outside of school, on your band instrument. Must be individual or small group, with primary responsibility for preparation taken by students, although an adult might help organize and coordinate. (Does not include church orchestra, youth orchestra, etc.) Examples:

- Performance for elementary students at MAC, a daycare or preschool, etc.
- Performance at a community festival or event
- Performance at a nursing home, hospital, retirement home

Taking responsibility for a regular task or chore in the band room

- posting practice minutes, points, etc.
- maintaining a bulletin board of students in the news
- regular cleaning or organization of a specific area
- regularly working in the music library

Volunteering for one-time band jobs such as:

- Set up or tear down for concert
- Plant sale distribution help
- A one-time clean-up or fix-up chore that might come up
- Loading or unloading of instruments for a trip.

Students may petition the band directors and band council to include other activities that are not specifically listed above.