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## **BFCCPS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

### **ATTENDANCE/ACADEMIC STANDING POLICY**

This policy addresses the attendance and academic standing of students in grades 4 through 8 in small group instrumental music lessons and band.

Students involved in the instrumental music program must attend small group lessons during the school day with the condition that they are in good academic standing in individual class/subject(s). Students are required to attend **ALL** band rehearsals (before school and evening) regardless of academic status.

Good academic standing is defined as having a grade of C or above in all class/subject(s), and having completed and submitted all homework assignments for that class/subject(s).

In addition, students participating in the instrumental music program must not be failing **ANY** subject. Based upon the issuance of quarterly report card grades, determinations are made of a student's status regarding academic standing. A failing grade in **ANY** subject also denies participation in any field trips or activities of the instrumental program on the part of the student.

Additionally, regardless of the academic standing of the student(s), classroom teachers or parents have the option of having students remain in class instead of attending music lessons or rehearsals when instructional needs for that day call for an optimum level of student attendance. An example of the latter would be one, which would involve the introduction of an important topic or skill, or the review or completion of tests or examinations. The needs of the instrumental student and faculty to attend lessons must be weighed in this determination, as the instrumental faculty only teaches individual students one 45-minute period per week.

Students do not have the option of not attending instrumental music lessons. Students are required to attend their lessons unless excused by parents or faculty as stated above.