

## ADVANCED MUSICIAN STUDENT CONTRACT

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

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

This contract establishes the practice routines, extra responsibilities and rewards for students gifted in the arts. This contract does not affect a student's overall grade in band; however, maintaining a high grade is a requirement for this contract.

### STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:

- Warm-up individually prior to every rehearsal.
- Study all band repertoire at home until it's playable.
- Practice selections from advanced instrument technique books and/or assigned private lesson material.
- Maintain 90% or higher in band throughout the year and pass all playing tests with 80% or higher.
- Complete at least two of the four advanced options listed below:
  - Prepare and audition for the NHMEA All State Music Festival.\*
  - Prepare and perform a piece at the NHMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival.\*
  - Participate in weekly private lessons for one school year (min. 30 per week).
  - Maintain active membership in a small ensemble, and perform with that group at least once throughout the year.
  - Participate in at least one honor band festival (ANEBF, HBBF, MVMF or other)

### TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- When not needed in a concert band rehearsal the teacher will allow the student rehearsal time to practice their lesson material, All-State audition material, or Solo and Ensemble festival piece.
- Plan concert band rehearsals in the best interest of the student's time.
- Find the student a private teacher.
- Provide the student with the proper music.
- Assist the student with instrumental technique to the best of their ability.
- Prepare for all rehearsals and performances, and help students perform at their highest possible level.

### ASSESSMENT:

Performance tests, daily observation and positive attendance at all concerts and rehearsals will be the main form of assessment. In addition, the student will select and participate in at least two of the advanced options listed above. If the Milford band repertoire suffers as a result of the extra performance requirements the contract will be void.

**CONTRACT LENGTH:** One School Year (2015 – 2016)

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**STUDENT SIGNATURE**

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**BAND DIRECTOR SIGNATURE**

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**PARENT SIGNATURE**

\*The student must also play their audition/festival material at the weekly audition master classes leading up to the audition/performance.