8th Grade

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Note Accuracy	Notes are consistently accurate.	An occasional inaccurate note is played, but does not detract from overall performance.	A few inaccurate notes are played, detracting somewhat from the overall performance.	Wrong notes consistently detract from the performance.
Tone Quality	Tone is consistently focused, clear, and centered throughout the range of the instrument. Tone has professional quality.	Tone is focused, clear and centered through the normal playing range of the instrument. Extremes in range sometimes cause tone to be less controlled. Tone quality typically does not detract from the performance.	Tone is often focused, clear and centered, but sometimes the tone is uncontrolled in the normal playing range. Extremes in range are usually uncontrolled. Occasionally the tone quality detracts from overall performance.	The tone is often not focused, clear or centered regardless of the range being played, significantly detracting from the overall performance.
Rhythm	The beat is secure and the rhythms are accurate for the style of music being played.	The beat is secure and the rhythms are mostly accurate. There are a few duration errors, but these do not detract from the overall performance.	The beat is somewhat erratic. Some rhythms are accurate. Frequent or repeated duration errors. Rhythm problems occasionally detract from the overall performance.	The beat is usually erratic and rhythms are seldom accurate detracting significantly from the overall performance.
Phrasing	Phrasing is always consistent and sensitive to the style of music being played.	Phrasing is usually consistent and sensitive to the style of music being played.	Phrasing is usually consistent and occasionally sensitive to the style of music being played.	Phrasing is rarely consistent and/or rarely sensitive to musical style.
Attention in Class	Student is focused and attentive throughout class and follows directions to the best of his/her ability.	Student is usually focused and attentive during class, but sometimes is distracted by others.	Student is sometimes focused and attentive during class, but is easily distracted by others and sometimes distracts others.	Student is rarely focused and attentive during class. Sometimes disruptive to rest of class.
Practice	sustained practice outside of class, with great attention to	Studentl's performance indicates regular practice outside of class with some attention to areas of difficulty.	Student\'s performance indicates some practice outside of class, but with little attention to areas of difficulty.	Student\'s performance indicates there is very little practice outside of class.