

Tri-M Points System Explained

After you are accepted as a member of Tri-M, begin tracking your Tri-M points. Tri-M encourages active musicianship, rather than a passive one. While being an active musician is not easily quantifiable, we will attempt to chart your musical endeavors through a points system.

There are a few caveats to earning points. One, the activities must be musical in nature. Two, you must earn eight (8) points per year. **If you are missing points, your deficit will carry over into the next year.** Seniors MUST finish all their points (8 + any deficit points) in order to sign up for cords. See the points sheet itself for the deadline.

Something to think about:

- A good rule of thumb—If you were required to do it for school or you receive compensation, it does not count.
- You can earn points by doing non-music related activities FOR the music department. Arrange this with your music teacher before you do it. For instance, I have made a deal with a student to regularly clean the orchestra room dry erase boards in exchange for one Tri-M point per quarter.

A commonly asked question:

I sing/play in my church praise band/choir (etc) every week. Do I get points for that?

The answer:

Yes! That is classified as an extracurricular ensemble. According to the points information sheet (see below), you get 1 point per semester for your involvement in a group like this.

Honor Ensembles (Extracurricular)

1. Auditioning for an honor ensemble- 1 point per round of auditioning
2. Performing in an All-State Ensemble- 2 points
3. Performing in other Honors Ensemble- 1 point

Competitions

1. Solo & Ensemble-1 point per entry performed
2. Concerto Competition- 1 point for auditioning, 1 point for performing in the concert
3. Other extracurricular music competition- 1 point per competition

General Music Activities

1. Performing in any extracurricular ensemble- 1 point/semester
2. Performing in miscellaneous unpaid musical gigs not required for a class- 1 point per gig

Miscellaneous

1. Ushering another department's concert- 1 point per concert
2. Setting up/Tearing Down another department's concert- 1 point per concert
3. Holding a music leadership position- 1 point per semester
4. Unpaid musical tutoring- 1 point per semester
5. Attending Tri-m meeting- 1 point per meeting
6. Helping with music library after school- 1 point per 2 hours worked
7. Cleaning/organizing chorus/band room after school – 1 point per 2 hours worked

Activities that do not count

1. Performances required for a class
2. Musical activities for which you are compensated
3. Private lessons

Questions?

If you have a question or concern, please read this paper and the web site first. If you don't find your answer, you are welcome to contact Mrs. Holbrook, the Lafayette Tri-M Chapter Advisor, at laura.fallon@fayette.kyschools.us.