

Instrumental Methods
Field Observation
Fall 2007

As a requirement for this class you must do 10 (600 minutes) hours of observation in instrumental music classes (grades 5-12) in at least 4 different schools. The observation hours must be split equally between grades 5 (or 4) - 8 and grades 9 – 12. For your convenience you will be provided a list of schools, teachers' names, and daily schedules for observations. However, your observations do not need to be limited to these schools.

All observations must be recorded on the Music Field Observation Log* and documented with a signature from the teacher who was observed. An Observation Form** must be completed for each observation. Please call each teacher well in advance before going to observe. These teachers have graciously agreed to allow you into their classrooms but need to know when you are planning to be there. Please be sure to dress professionally for your visit.

In addition, it is also possible to earn credit for working summer band camps, attending recruitment meetings, booster meetings, band shows, football games, music conferences, and adjudicated events. However, only 4 non-classroom hours (240 minutes) can be applied to your observation hours. Of these 4 non-classroom hours, 2 hours (120 minutes) are required at OBDC observing rehearsals and/or clinics of the guest composer and/or clinician. A written analysis (word processed) of what you saw and heard must be included in order to provide documentation of attendance at these non-classroom events.

Students whose observations are not completed by the end of this semester (Fall 07) will receive an F for the semester. If you need help scheduling observations, please call (5761) or stop in the music education office (368/372) and we will be glad to help.

*A copy of the observation log is in your resource notebook.

** Use the online observation form that can be found at:

<http://gozips.uakron.edu/~laffert/perm/of.dot>