

Jazz Ensemble

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Course Description:

Jazz Band is a course designed to develop the student's ability to understand, read, and perform Jazz music. The course will concentrate on refining the basic fundamentals of jazz performance through individualized practice on a musical instrument.

Instructional Objectives:

Students will:

- ♣ Demonstrate improvement on their musical instrument through performance
- ♣ Demonstrate knowledge of musical terminology and improvisation
- ♣ Identify and demonstrate basic fundamentals of music theory

Daily Activities:

- ♣ Performing, reading, singing, improvising and listening to music.
- ♣ Practicing/Rehearsing of music using a musical instrument.
- ♣ Exams, projects, and graded auditions.

Required Materials:

- ♣ Musical instrument and accessories
- ♣ A pencil (NO PENS!) brought to class each day
- ♣ dot books/drill charts
- ♣ Improvisation Book with CD (Aeborsold)

Homework/Class work/Projects:

Homework will consist of:

- ♣ Students practicing the music assigned during class.
- ♣ Written music theory assignments
- ♣ Written projects
- ♣ Concert Reports and written critiques

Homework assignments will not be accepted late unless an excused absence is given. Please notify the director if you will be absent.

Additional Requirements:

In addition to assigned homework, students must attend all rehearsals and performances. Failure to attend events will result in a lowering of grade or removal from the music program.

It is recommended that all Jazz students take private lessons to improve their improvisation skills.

Grading:

Performances/Rehearsal -	80%
Homework/Class assignments -	15%
Class Participation/practice records -	5%

Grade Scale:

100% - 90%	A
90% - 80%	B
80% - 70%	C
70% - 60%	D
60% - 0	F

Tardies

Tardies are unacceptable and reflect directly on your academic grade. Tardies will receive 0 points for daily participation.

Personal Property

Students are expected to keep their personal instrument storage and the instrumental music room clean.

Instrument Care

Students are expected to respect school property and the property of others.

General Citizenship

In general, the attitude of each student in this class is central to the success of the whole class. The curriculum is accelerated, homework demands are high and the course material is complex. All students are expected to demonstrate the highest level of maturity, intellect and musicianship 100% of the time. Those who don't will be dropped from the class.