

Jazz Band

Performance Groups

Course #: MU 86

Course Name: Jazz Band

Prerequisites: Teacher recommendation/audition

Jazz Band is a performance-oriented class which provides opportunities for the study of improvisation and music in jazz styles. This ensemble will prepare and perform concerts each semester, some of which may be other than during school hours. Special concert attire may be worn. Placement is by teacher recommendation/audition.

Grade Level: 10-12

Level of Difficulty: High

of Credits: 1 - 2 Sem. - ½ - 1 Credit

The following Instrumental Music Performance Objectives are integrated throughout the entire course:

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SKILLS

Strand 1: Create

- **Concept 2:** Playing instruments, alone and with others, music from various genres and diverse cultures.
- **Concept 3:** Improvising rhythms, melodies, variations, and accompaniments.
- **Concept 4:** Composing and arranging music.
- **Concept 5:** Reading and notating music.

Strand 2: Relate

- **Concept 1:** Understanding the relationships among music, the arts, and other disciplines outside the arts.
- **Concept 2:** Understanding music in relation to history and culture.
- **Concept 3:** Understanding music in relation to self and universal themes.

Strand 3: Evaluate

- **Concept 1:** Listening to, analyzing, and describing music.
- **Concept 2:** Evaluating music and music performances.

The following Language, Math, and Historical Performance Objectives may be used throughout the course:

LANGUAGE ARTS CONNECTION

Reading

S1, S2, S3 Vocabulary Acquire and use new vocabulary in relevant contexts to identify the intended meaning of unfamiliar words and identify the meaning and pronunciations of words by using a variety of reference aids.