

Jazz Band Honors Credit

Course Application Information

Jazz Band Description

Credit: 1 unit – 5th Block Course (Nov-May)

Level: 9th-12th grades (by application/invitation/audition)

Students learn fundamental-advanced concepts of jazz ensemble rehearsing and performing including improvisation. Literature of dance band, swing, symphonic jazz, pop-rock, and contemporary styles will be explored. Many performance opportunities included. Enrollment in Wind Ensemble Track is strongly suggested.

Course Fees:

- There is a \$40 course fee for each member of the class.
- These may also be several field trips that require a fee. Much notice will be given. These fee can be taken out of the Kids Account.

Attendance:

This is a “5th Block” course that meets after school. Please see the Jazz Band Course Calendar. The usual 90min course meetings are combined in most cases to assure that students get the required seat time needed for an official course. Attendance will be treated the same as in any other course. Example: If a student should miss a 3 hour class meeting it would be equal to missing 2 days of school for that course. Please see the Jazz Course Calendar for all class meetings.

Note: If a student feels as though they might have difficulty in making some of the course meetings they should NOT apply for the course.

Students will be selected based on the following (but not limited to):

- Overall skill level on instrument
- Previous attendance records
- Previous discipline records
- Previous work ethic
- Middle school/High school director spring recommendation
- Music reading experience
- Positive attitude towards peers, band, and music in general
- Ability to motivate self
- Ability to work independently and with others
- Ability to play confidently alone and with others
- Previous jazz experience
- An informal audition may be required should the directors feel it is needed to assess skills

Customary Jazz Band positions/instrumentation (below are minimums)

*1 1 st Alto Sax	*1 1 st Trumpet	*1 1 st Trombone	*1-2 Set players
*1 2 nd Alto Sax	*1 2 nd Trumpet	*1 2 nd Trombone	*1 Vibe player
*1 1 st Tenor Sax	*1 3 rd Trumpet	*1 3 rd Trombone	*1-2 Piano players (MUST be able to read & play piano music)
*1 2 nd Tenor Sax	*1 4 th Trumpet	*1 4 th Trombone	*1 Guitar player (MUST be able to read guitar music – not tabs)
*1 Bari Sax			*1 Bass Guitar player(MUST be able to read bass cleft music)
			*1 Accessories player

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Application & Contract

I have reviewed and understand the Jazz Band Course Application sheet. I have also reviewed and understand the course meeting calendar.

- ✓ I understand that my absences from this 5th block class will count against me just as absences would in any other course. Our meetings are class meetings, not before/afterschool rehearsals.
- ✓ I understand that this is an Honors Level course.
- ✓ I understand that I must function at a higher level due to the higher expectations for this course.
- ✓ I understand that I may have daily grades, test grades, and projects for which I may be responsible.
- ✓ I understand that all performances will count as a major test grade.
- ✓ I understand that I am responsible for my own transportation. Failure to be picked up after class meetings in a timely manner will result in referral to school resource officers/York PD.
- ✓ I understand that it is a privilege and an honor to be selected for this course.

Applicant Name (print) _____

1st Choice Position _____

2nd Choice Position _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

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Meeting Calendar



November

R – 10th 4-7pm

R – 17th 4-7pm

M – 28th 4-6pm (last day to drop)

T – 29th 5:30-7pm *Jazz Course Fee Due*

December

R – 1st 4-7pm

M – 5th 4-6pm

T – 6th 4-7pm

R – 8th 4-7pm

M – 12th 4-6pm

T – 13th 4-7pm

W – 14th 4-7pm Dress Rehearsal

R – 15th 6:30pm **Winter Production**

F – 16th 6:30pm **Winter Production**

January

T – 10th 4-7pm

R – 12th 4-7pm

T – 17th 4-7pm

R – 19th 4-7pm

S – 21st All-State Jazz Auditions @ Lexington

T – 24th 4-8pm

T – 31st 4-8pm

February

T – 7th 4-7pm

R – 9th 4-7pm

T – 14th 4-7pm

R – 16th 4-7pm

T – 21st 4-7pm

R – 23rd 4-7pm

M – 27th 4-6pm

T – 28th 4-6pm

March

R – 2nd 4-6pm

F – 3rd 4-6pm

S 4th SCBDA State Jazz Performance

Assessment

T – 28th 4-7pm

R – 30th 4-7pm

April

M – 3rd 7:30am-2:30pm Jazz Tour Field Trip

May

T – 2nd 4-7pm

R – 4th 4-7pm

S – 6th Possible Relay for Life Performance

M – 8th 4-6pm

T – 9th 4-7pm

W – 10th 4-7pm Dress Rehearsal

R – 11th 6:30pm **Band Revue III**

F – 12th 6:30pm **Band Revue III**