

JAZZ BAND

Teacher: Mr. Schmidt

Course Duration: One Year
Course Credit: One

Course Overview

A prerequisite for this band is director approval.

This is a very select band of limited instrumentation which performs a more modern style of music. Instruments included are saxophones, trumpets, trombones, drums, guitars, bass guitar, and piano. Students for this group will be chosen by their interest and ability. Membership in this group is an honor. Members are expected to make all performances their top priority.

We function as a part of the regular band and with only a few exceptions everyone must be an active member of either the concert or symphonic band. Exceptions are only made for those instruments not used in the regular band and only if none of the band students are able to fill these positions.

Books

We will use sheet music almost exclusively in this course.

Grading

The county-approved grading scale is:

A	=	90	-	100
B	=	80	-	89
C	=	70	-	79
D	=	60	-	69
F	=	0	-	59

Grades will be determined on a percentage scale as follows:

Class Participation	20 %
Rehearsals/ Performances	35 %
Checklists	35 %
Tests/ Exams	10 %

Classroom Policies

Students should behave as if they were in any other academic class. They should enter the room on time, have all the necessary equipment for class and they should be in their seats waiting for the director's instructions. There is to be no gum, candy or other food of any kind in the band hall during class.

Attendance

Absences and tardies will be handled in the same manner as listed in the student handbook. You must have an excused admit in order to make-up any work you may have missed. Any work not made-up or unexcused absences will be counted as a zero. It is your responsibility to ask for and complete any make-up work.

Classroom Participation

Students are to provide their own instruments for this course. Any student having an instrument that is not in working condition, for any reason, will not be allowed to use it until it is repaired. In addition to having these items in class, a student must also be actively participating in order to receive a satisfactory "class participation" grade.

Each student must have a pencil, assigned music and instrument in class each day. Students should also have a folder (with 3 prongs and pockets) for taking notes and keeping additional given in class. These items will be used for tests during each quarter.