

Jazz Band

Syllabus

2017-2018

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Band Website: www.olahighschoolband.com

Please visit the band website for a schedule of after school rehearsals, performances, and more

I. Course Description:

The *Ola High School Jazz Band* class will study a large repertoire of literature that encompasses many genres of music. Students will train in advancing their musical skills through participation in classroom rehearsals and activities, as well as outside performances. This group will also provide appropriate, quality musical programs for the school and community.

Although the *Ola Jazz Band* will provide a different atmosphere in the making and learning of music compared to other more classically centered courses offered in the *Ola Band* ensemble family, its structure will be similar in makeup and daily routines.

All students must meet or exceed the semester *terminal objectives* set forth by the director in order to continue in the *Symphonic Band* class. Any student who does not successfully meet the semester terminal objectives is subject for removal from the class.

II. Class Procedures and Expectations:

1. Begin class by putting ALL school supplies in the wings of the classroom.
2. Unpack your instrument from your case, and again leave your case in the wings of the classroom.
3. Bring to your chair, instrument, stand, music folder, and PENCIL...EVERY DAY.
4. Once you have had a seat, begin warming up on your instrument. Make sure to tune your instrument with your tuner prior to rehearsal beginning.
5. When rehearsal is complete, return your stand to the rack and put all belongings into your cubby.
6. Show respect for everyone and their personal belongings
7. Practice and master your individual parts
- 8. No food, drink, candy, or gum is allowed in the band room**
9. School-owned instruments damaged by negligent student behavior can and will result in repair costs being paid by the student (all students using school-owned instruments will need to fill out a instrument check out form)
10. Your cubby is not your locker. All items that are not band related will be put into the school lost and found.
11. You are responsible for your band instrument. While you are welcome to use the band cubbies during the day, you must take your instrument home with you daily. We are not responsible for any damaged or stolen items while your instrument is at OHS

III. GRADING POLICY

Grading Policy:

Three basic areas will make up a student's grade in band class: class assignments/homework, musical progress (tests), after school rehearsals/performances. The final exam is also an additional 20% that gets factored into the overall end grade

Grades will be determined as follows:

Daily Participation/Homework	20%
Musical Progress/Test Grades	40%
Concert Performances & After-school Rehearsal Grades	40%

Final Exam 20% - Percentage factored into overall class grade

After-school Performances:

ALL students are expected to attend ALL concerts

Please understand that the jazz band serves as the "go to" performance ensemble for events at Ola high and the surrounding community. Performance dates outside of large group concerts will be made available as soon as the event is booked and will be added to the band calendar.

By joining the Ola Jazz Band the student will adhere to a strict attendance policy involving both classroom rehearsals and performances. Please refer to the attendance policy for any further details

One hundred points will be earned for attendance at after-school rehearsals. **These rehearsals are not optional!** After-school rehearsals will be few and held only when necessary. Students will be given at least two weeks' notice for these rehearsals. Any absence must be cleared in advance. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** The calendar for the school year is posted on the bulletin board in the band room, and it will also be distributed to the students during the first week of school, and it will be on the band website www.olahighschoolband.com

100 points – concert attendance and participation

25 points deducted – late to performance

0 points – absent from performance

** Excuses must be approved in **advance** with the appropriate director. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Transportation problems and work are never excuses and will result in a 0 for the concert grade**

Band Parent Organization:

All band parents are encouraged to become involved with the OHS Band Parent Association (Band Booster club). This is the opportunity for parents to learn about the current happenings of our band program. If you would like to have input in decisions that are made for the band students, we invite you to attend. A successful band program will only thrive with parental support and enthusiasm for the students' well being!

