

Jazz Band Course Description

Meets: 1st Period

Credit: UC/CSU Credit - Fine Arts

The Jazz band ensemble meets first period. This college prep course is intended for advanced instrumental music students. The course involves an advanced promotion of instrumental music fundamentals, emphasizing the jazz elements of musical performance, including pitch, rhythm, tone production, harmony, form, texture, dynamics, tempo and timbre. The development of aesthetic perception, creative expression, historical and cultural context, aesthetic valuing, and connecting and applying learned performance toward careers in the performing arts are fundamental components of all instruction in the performing arts. This is a traditional jazz band. Trombone, saxophone, trumpet, piano, bass, guitar and drums are standard personnel in ensemble. Public performances are required as are some after school and evening rehearsals.

Prerequisite: Audition

Please note: During the months on August through November 15th, this ensemble will be part of the Vintage High School Marching Band. Class time will be dedicated to studying jazz concepts as mentioned above. However, this ensemble will be connected to the Marching Band Activities as performing members.

