

JAZZ ENSEMBLE & LAB BAND SYLLABUS

Course Title: Advanced Music/History (Jazz Ensemble & Lab Band)

Time and Room: 7:30 – 8:20 AM (Zero Hour), Band Room (room 115)

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Objectives:

This class provides students with opportunities to study, appreciate, and effectively perform all styles and periods of Jazz literature. Students will understand the fundamentals of various jazz styles and will gain accurate knowledge of pertinent jazz history and theory. This class serves as an elective credit as part of the graduation requirements at Henry Clay High School. There also will be mandatory performances for the HCHS Jazz Ensemble impacting student grades.

Grading:

Grades will be calculated based on a weighted/percentage based system. Grades will be weighted accordingly: **(a) 35%** of the grade will be concert attendance, major projects, and tests (ex. Midterm, final), **(b) 35%** of the overall grade will consist of effort, class preparation, and rehearsal participation, **(c) 15%** of the grade will be playing quizzes, and **(d) 15%** of the grade will be final exams and projects.

Auditions:

Auditions will be held for chair and jazz ensemble placement. Students will receive an excerpt to prepare for the chair auditions, which will tentatively be set for the week of **August 17, 2016** during class time (zero hour). Each student will be expected to sign up for an audition time. The HCHS Jazz Band has continued to mature and grow in size and depending upon audition results and enrollment, there may be a need to develop **more than 1** jazz ensemble at Henry Clay High School. Mr. Kite will determine the regular “zero” hour schedule upon completion of auditions.

Goals:

The HCHS Jazz Ensemble will experience the fundamentals of jazz style and work to perfect preparation of jazz standards as well as other diverse pieces of jazz literature. Students will have a positive musical experience and use material from this class to grow as musicians. The Jazz Band will prepare for successful performances at school and in the community and will further the Henry Clay High School band program.

PREREQUISITE: Students must be enrolled in a Henry Clay High School music performance course (band, orchestra, or chorus). Students must have prior playing experience and are admitted through **AUDITION ONLY**. This class serves as an elective credit as part of the graduation requirements at Henry Clay High School.

Band is considered a “co-curricular class” meaning that students are required to attend rehearsals and performances outside of the school day. Students should NOT elect band class if they are unable to rehearse and perform at times occurring outside and apart from regular school hours. All performances and extra rehearsals are considered mandatory and are calculated into students’ class averages and overall high school GPA.

Attendance and Rules/Policies:

The Jazz Ensemble meets everyday at 7:30 AM and rehearses until 8:20 AM. Attendance will be recorded every day at 7:30 AM. Students who are not **in their seats by 7:30 AM** for attendance every morning will be marked **tardy**. Tardy will be defined as follows: students not in their seats for attendance at 7:30 AM or leaving early for any reason during rehearsal.

The policy is as follows:

Daily attendance/participation grades are taken and continue to affect students’ overall averages. The only absences that will be excused and not counted against students will be absences to attend the Academy and extenuating circumstances where a note is presented.

Although it is important to make up missed work from other classes, jazz ensemble is a class for which students receive an advanced academic credit and should be treated as the others.

It is important to understand that grades will be recorded concerning rehearsal and concert attendance and absences from jazz ensemble may result in a failing grade.

-----**Detach and Turn In**-----

The undersigned pupil and his or her parent and/or legal guardian agree to the terms stated in then HCHS **JAZZ** policy/syllabus. It is further agreed that all parties understand and will observe this attendance policy/syllabus and the procedures.

This agreement covers the period _____ 2016-2017 school year _____

BY: _____ William Kite _____
(Director of Bands)

STUDENT: _____

PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN _____