

JAZZ BAND SYLLABUS 2017-18

Course Title: **Jazz Band**

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Required Materials: Instrument, Folder/Binder, Pencil

Supplies: There is a \$20 materials donation associated with this course which goes a long way towards purchasing new music. Checks may be made payable to U-Prep Music Department. As always, we greatly appreciate your support!

*Students may be financially liable for lost or damaged items (books, music, folders, instruments, equipment, uniforms, etc...) As always, students are expected to treat music department property with absolute respect.

Course Description: The purpose of this class is to push students to the limit while maintaining a fun and relaxed (Jazz) atmosphere. Students in Jazz Band have an obligation to themselves and their fellow band members to practice at home and bring what they have learned to daily rehearsals. Roll will be taken promptly at 7:15am with Class Performance constituting a large portion of their grade.

Course Objectives: With the national and state music education standards in mind, students in U-Prep music classes will have solo and ensemble performance opportunities. In preparation for these performances, students will focus on proper sound production techniques, sight reading, basic music theory, music history, and musical creativity.

Grading Criteria: Class Performance: 75%
Concerts: 25%

We will be spending most of our time in preparation for concerts and performances. **Attendance and participation at these functions are essential and carry a heavier weight. Missing one concert may result in a “C” or lower for the semester.**

Performances: Winter Music Concert: December 13th
Celebration of the Arts: February 15th (*tentative*)
Spring Music Concert: May 17th

**More performances to come... dates and times will be updated on the website and sent home through Aeries emails as soon as they become available.*