

JAZZ BAND SYLLABUS 2023-24

- Course Title: **Jazz Band**
- Teacher: **Brad Fowers – bfowers@suhsd.net (uprepmusic.com)**
- Required Materials: Instrument, Sheet Music, 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, etc...) As always, students are expected to treat music department property with 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 share what they have learned.
- 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, music theory, music history, and musical creativity.
- Online Component: Whether a student is participating in-class daily or online as part of our distance learning program, all students will be integrating via Google Classroom. As an ensemble class, it is important for students to continue to be inclusive regardless of physical location. Online communication will be essential to overall success.
- Grading Criteria: Practice (in-class and/or at home): 75%
Assignments/Tests/Performances: 25%
- Performances: **Winter Music Concert - December 7th**
Celebration of the Arts - February 7th or 8th (gym availability)
Spring Band Concert - May 16th