

Jazz Bands – Period 2&3

Course Syllabus

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A. Description

This course is designed to develop high school level musical techniques (i.e. singing pitches, reading music and challenging rhythms, playing an instrument at a high school level), audition expectations and processes, and small ensemble focus will be given throughout this course.

B. Course Objectives

1. Understanding of jazz vocabulary.
2. Major Scales, minor scales, bebop scales
3. The basics of music theory through the performance of music.
4. Development of technique on specific instrument.
5. Introduction to combo playing and solo and ensemble.
6. Methodology to practice and repair.
7. An overview on approaching an audition for a band.
8. Expectations of a professional musician.

C. Supplies (please reference specific instrument below):

1. 1” Binder (your current band folder)
2. Wide-Ruled Paper.
3. Page protectors/clear sheet inserts

D. Grades

100-90= A

89-80= B

79-70= C

69-60= D

59-0= F

Performance Based Assessments **50%**

- Scales tests, etudes, memorization, fluency, literacy, etc.

Concert/Performance Attendance **20%**

- All after school practices, rehearsals, and performances are required and graded.

Projects **9%**

- There will be small projects assigned throughout the semester.

Written Assignments **10%**

- Written assignments will be graded on grammar and completion.

Performance preparation **11%**

- Measured by a student’s record of practice and ability to perform their instrument at an acceptable level

E. Handbook

1. The handbook for the band program has all expectations, attendance policies, performance day procedures, etc. located on our website.
<http://www.prideofmelhiband.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/Mel-Hi-Band-Handbook3.pdf>

Performance Schedule

December 11th, 2018 – 7:00pm Winter Concert with Jazz bands. Student report time is 6:00pm. Doors open 6:30pm.

February 8&9, 2019 – Solo and Ensemble (times vary)

February 13&14, 2019 – Music Performance Assessment at SHS

April 19 or 20th, 2019 – Lakeside Jazz Festival

May 2nd, 2019 – Spring Concert.

Important Dates

Nov. 8th All County Jazz Band Auditions

April 11-13 All County Jazz Band

MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT/PARENT BAND CONTRACT

Student Name (print below on the solid line):

I have read and agree to the policy set forth by the Melbourne High School Band Program as stated in the Melbourne High School Band Handbook. I will do my part to help the band achieve the goals set forth by the director. I also understand that the band is a full year commitment and agree to commit to the Melbourne High School Band Program for the current school year. I will support the program by attending regularly and by doing my fair share of fundraisers. I also agree to fundraise or pay off all band fees by the end of the year.

Student signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

*all items in the handbook are subject to change. There may be additions or removals to the handbook as the year progress. By signing this contract you understand that changes may happen throughout the year.