

Course Expectations
STAGE BAND

A. Course Information

- Grade Level: 9-12
- Length of Course: Two semesters. Upon educator and counselor approval, this course may be repeated for credit.
- Type: This course counts toward meeting the district's graduation requirement in Visual and Performing Arts/meets UC 'f' Requirement.
- Recommendation for Enrollment: Audition with instructor (participation in Marching Band required for wind instruments).

B. Brief Description of the Course:

This course is designed for the purpose of studying, rehearsing and performing standard and experimental jazz repertoire. Required rehearsals and performances may be scheduled outside of the school day. Students may have to provide their own instrument and attire. Outside fundraising may be scheduled throughout the year, and participation is required.

C. Brief Outline of Course Content:

1. Rehearsal of a variety of jazz styles
2. Improvisation around a variety of chord structures and styles will be stressed for every student.
3. Reading/singing complex rhythms, chord patterns, scales, etc. will be practiced through individual, sectional and ensemble rehearsal.

D. Content Standards for STAGE BAND:

1. Subject Area Content Standards

The student will demonstrate an acceptable level of understanding of the following key concepts:

- a. Match a tuning note.
- b. Read, define, identify and construct basic chords.

E. Breakdown of Grading

- 25% Daily Attendance, participation
- 25% Practicing at home, preparation, written assignments
- 50% Attendance at and participation in performances.

Please note that ALL absences from performances must be cleared with the director **at least 24 hours** in advance. The only excused absence is medical illness or family emergency, and other situations will be taken on a case-by-case basis.

I have read the course expectations with my parent/guardian, and I will keep this sheet in my music folder for future reference.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date