

Central High School Jazz Band

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Course Description:

This course is designed to be an extension of the Central High School Band. Through rehearsal, individual practice, and performances, students will gain appreciation and understanding in jazz music. By the end of this course, students will also gain improvisational skills, musicianship, and small ensemble experience.

Required Materials:

- Pencil
- Music folder (provided)
- Instrument
- Supplies (reeds, drum sticks, picks for guitar, valve/slide oil)

Classroom Rules:

- Arrive on time to class – tardiness will be counted
- Be in your seat five minutes after the bell rings, or your daily grade could be reduced!
- No food, gum, or drinks allowed in the room
- Be prepared with all materials every day
- Be respectful to everyone and everything in the room

Attendance:

Attendance during class and performances will have a direct effect on your grade. Attendance is mandatory to all performances unless otherwise noted.

Grading Policies

Performances are required and make up **60%** of the semester grades. Daily participation and in-class playing tests will make up **40%** of the semester grades.

Late Work Policy:

- All assignments are due when we ask for them, failure to comply will result in a deduction of 10 points per every late day from the grade earned.

Missed Performance/Makeup Policy:

- Students absent from class will be allowed the number of days absent, plus one, to make up work. It is your job to get your make-up work and catch yourself up.
- If a student has an excused absence from a concert, an alternate assignment will be given. Please contact Mr. Lenard for the assignment and due date.
- For an unexcused absence, the student will complete a make-up assignment (Mr. Lenard's choice) within one week. The grade for the make-up assignment will not be higher than a 70%.

Exception: Major Grades with predetermined deadlines of at least two weeks' notice -

1. Notice of a major grade within this time period means the due date does not change despite absences.
2. Being absent the date of a concert means, it is due the day upon return.
3. Late work is not accepted.