

# **JAZZ BAND**

## **COURSE DISCLOSURE**

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### **Course Description**

This course is designed to help students further their musical skills while exploring jazz, latin, funk, and rock music. Students will rehearse and perform with others. They will be taught music reading skills, musicality, music terminology, music history, and music theory.

The 1st semester will be for anyone that wants to attend.

The 2nd semester will be the Falcon Jazz Band. Auditions for Falcon Jazz will take place in December just before the break.

The Jazz Band meets from 7:00 – 7:45 a.m.

You must be registered for jazz band. You will be held accountable for attendance and participation, and will receive grades.

### **Goal for the 2009 – 2010 School Year**

We have many goals that we want to accomplish, but one I want to specifically want to focus on this year is attendance. For the last year or two it seems that students have been getting more lax with their attendance and punctuality.

Our main goal for this school year will be **Show Up and Be On Time.**

### **Guidelines for Success**

Classroom rules for the Canyon View High School Bands

1. Be on time. (7:00 A.M.)
2. Be prepared. (instrument, music, pencil, and practice)
3. Be courteous.
4. No gum, candy, food, or drink allowed in the classroom (water only).
5. Clean up after yourself.

## **Canyon View High School Mission Statement**

CVHS, in partnership with parents and community, empowers students to become caring, competent, and contributing citizens who find fulfillment in lifelong learning.

## **Desired Results for Student Learning**

1. A Competent Learner
2. An Effective Communicator
3. A Responsible Citizen

Canyon View High School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or qualified disability.

## **Grading**

### **Grades will be based on the following:**

1. Participation (approx. 500 points per quarter): Students can earn up to 50 points a week for participation, points will be subtracted if students are absent or tardy.
2. Performances (approx. 200 - 400 points per quarter): Performances are mandatory.
3. Practice: Practice time for jazz band should be included in your practice time for the other bands.
4. Extra Credit: This can be earned by attending concerts other than your own, and other than the required concert attendance from your other band class. Turn in a program and a short summary about the concert.

## **Eligibility**

Keep your grades up in all classes. Students who receive more than one F at the end of any given quarter are not eligible to perform or compete during the entire next quarter. (For example if you earn two or more F's during the third quarter, then you will not be able to play with the band at Region Festival.)

Also, students must be in attendance at school on the day of performances, festivals, or competitions. If it is a Saturday event, but we leave for the event on Friday, then they must be in attendance on Friday.

## **Uniforms**

Long sleeve white dress shirt, black dress pants, black tie, black socks, and black dress shoes.

For basketball games we will wear our band T-Shirt and nice, clean blue jeans.

## **Fees**

Pay all fees to Mrs. Cowan. Show your receipts to Mr. Jordan.

- \$30 Band Participation Fee. Due before the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. This fee is mandated by the school district, and it covers expenses for all the bands throughout the school year.
- \$10 for Band Shirt. It is the same shirt as last year, so returning students do not need to buy another one if they still have theirs, and it is in good condition.
- All students who use school owned instruments will need to pay a \$50 rental fee. An instrument rental form needs to be filled out and returned to Mr. Jordan along with your receipt. This is due before the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

## **Private Lessons**

I encourage all students to take private lessons, if possible. There are a lot of good teachers in the community, and some good music students at the university that would like to have some private students.

## **How Parents can Help**

### At Home

1. Calendar all of your child's performances and avoid scheduling other events over the top of them.
2. Show an interest in the music study of your child.
3. Arrange a regular time for your child to practice in a quiet place without interruptions, and help them as much as you are capable.
4. Make sure they have a safe place to keep their instrument.
5. Keep the instrument in good repair and encourage them to be careful with their instrument.
6. Make sure they have the necessary accessories (metronome, tuner, cleaning kit, reeds, mutes, sticks, mallets etc.)
7. Even though private study is not required, it is strongly recommended.
8. Encourage your child to play for others when opportunities arise.

### At School

1. Encourage your child to faithfully attend all rehearsals, performances, and activities, and teach them to be prepared and on time.
2. Notify the teacher if your child is going to be absent.
3. Visit rehearsals and lessons occasionally.
4. Attend as many performances as you possibly can.
5. See that they don't forget their instrument and music.
6. Ask them about the music they are learning and what they need to practice.
7. Volunteer to help out and attend band booster meetings whenever possible.
8. Purchase band attire and wear it at band, school, and community events.