

COX HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ ENSEMBLE (listed as Advanced Band)

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This course gives students the opportunity to develop an understanding and appreciation of the first true form of American music... JAZZ. Emphasis is placed on artistic performance commensurate with the standard of the finest college and professional groups. Students will become acquainted with the current trends in jazz literature as well as have exposure to the classics of the big band era. After-school rehearsals and performances are required of all students. The jazz band also performs on all band concerts as well as various events throughout the city of Virginia Beach.

ALL PERFORMANCES ARE REQUIRED OF ALL MEMBERS.

Material Requirements (all students expected to have these daily)

- Instrument (also *Mallets and Sticks*)
- Music/Method and any solo books used in class.
- Pencil
- *STUDENT PLANNERS*
- Tuner
- Metronome
- Reeds

Grading System

All grades in this class will be classified by the following:

- **Participation- 40%**
 - **Class- Weekly participation grades will be given.**
 - **Rehearsals and Performances - 100 pts**
 - **Partial rehearsal or performance- 10 pt deduction every 10 minutes. Until 70, then a grade of 65 after 30 minutes late. Missing a full rehearsal is a zero. Communication is essential. Work is not an excuse, but I do my best to work with student athletes.**
 - Tardiness to warm-up, leaving early, not being prepared with necessary materials...
 - Performances are not complete until the last performer or group is finished performing and all items used are returned to their proper place. Leaving a concert early will result in the grade above.
There are no exceptions. This will be strictly enforced.
- **Playing and/or Written Examinations- 30%**
- **Concerts/ Performances - 30%**
 - **Includes all public performances as well as school concerts**
 - **During the 1st 9 weeks when there is no performance, playing and written exams count 50% and participation counts 50%.**

I rarely, if ever, allow for any extra credit work, so be on the ball with all assignments at all times. Please be aware of the grading scale for VBCPS.

Classroom Obligations

The following obligations will be followed each and every day in the band facilities:

1. Be in your seat ready to play when the director steps in front of the group.
 - 1st Tardy- Warning
 - 2nd Tardy- referral to administration for disciplinary action.
2. Be prepared with all materials each and every day.
3. Be recognized before speaking, and leave your seat only with permission.
4. Show RESPECT to *all* people.
5. Jazz ensemble is allowed to bring in lunch from home at the beginning of the class, but this privilege cannot be violated. You must respect and take care of the band facilities.

Activity Fee

This year, there will be the following activity fee:

\$85 for **ALL** symphonic band, jazz band, wind ensemble members. This is essential to fund the cost of additional music, as well as bringing in clinicians/instructors to work with the groups before performances (which we will do). This does not require non marching students to pay more, it requires all students to pay the same and covers the cost that will be used for this class and not for marching band.

Make-up Work Policy

All students will be required to make-up any assignments missed while absent from school. Within two days of returning back to class, all work missed must be completed and turned in. Rehearsals and concerts are impossible to duplicate, therefore if a concert is missed, expect to perform all of your music for a grade by yourself and if you miss a rehearsal, expect to spend at least an hour playing what we covered in rehearsal for a grade. **DO NOT MISS REHEARSALS OR CONCERTS.**

- **In-School Suspensions (ISS)**
 - The student will be given the work while in ISS.
- **Out of School Suspensions (OSS)**
 - The student will be given the work to do at home.

Neatly cut and return this lower portion only. This is your child's first grade. ©

These signatures signify that you have read and understand all of the guidelines and procedures governing this ensemble. You also understand that all performances are graded and late arrival/early departure/non-attendance to a rehearsal, performance, or activity will result in a grade reduction.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ **DATE:** _____

Student's Signature: _____ **DATE:** _____