



Liberty Middle School

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Jazz Band

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Classroom Digital Platforms	Band Webpage Link: https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/domain/562 Schoology Link: https://madisoncity.schoology.com/home CHARMS platform Link: https://www.charmsoffice.com/
Textbook Information	Standard of Excellence, Jazz Ensemble Method (provided)
Course Description	This course is designed as a complementary ensemble to the Concert or Symphonic Bands. Students must have at least one year of playing experience and must provide their own instrument. The Jazz Band may perform at Concerts, Competitions, or Festivals as determined by the director.
Course Objectives	Students in Jazz Band will explore jazz elements in literature while learning advanced playing techniques and fundamentals. Students will also exhibit appropriate etiquette during rehearsals and performances. Students will also learn techniques for improvisation.
Course Outline	Overarching Objective: Jazz Fundamentals and Improvisational Skills Unit 1: Dessert Concert Preparation (Assessment- Dessert Concert) Unit 2: Solo and Ensemble Preparation (Assessment- Solo and Ensemble Performance) Unit 3: Jazz Exploration (Assessment- Weekly Sightreading)
Classroom Expectations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be seated and ready for class when the bell rings. Students tardy to class will receive a detention per LMS policy. 2. Students must have all required equipment for every rehearsal: instrument, book, music, pencil, instrument accessories (ie. reeds, mouthpiece, neck strap, sticks/mallets, etc). 3. Respect your directors, your classmates, and yourself. 4. Listen and follow directions. 5. Do not touch other student's instruments or equipment. Do not play other student's instruments. Do not trade instruments. 6. Follow all school rules. 7. There is no eating or drinking (except water) in the band room. Gum is never allowed during class time. 8. Only band students are allowed to enter the band room. 9. The teacher dismisses the class, not the bell.
Progressive Discipline <i>(LMS Policy)</i>	Step 1: Verbal warning Step 2: Student/teacher conference Step 3: Parent contact/conference Step 4: Detention and a parent contact Step 5: Office referral

<p>Grading Policy <i>(MCS Policy)</i></p>	<p>60% = Assessments (Playing Tests, Required Performances) 40% = Daily Grades (Music Checks, Quizzes, Homework) 70% = High School Credit Assessments 30% = High School Daily Grades</p>
<p>Late Work Policy</p>	<p>A student may make up missed assignments; however, they will lose points for work turned in late:</p> <p>Work that is <u>less</u> than 1 week past due (minus 10 points) Work that is <u>more</u> than 1 week past due (minus 20 points) Work may NOT be submitted after the grading period ends</p>
<p>Make-up Work/Test Policy</p>	<p>Students with excused absences will be allowed to make-up all work within 1 week of returning to school without being penalized. It is the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work. Students can consult with a classmate or teacher for help. Work that is not made up will become a zero (including quizzes/tests).</p> <p>Please see the <i>LMS Band Handbook</i> for policies pertaining to missed playing assignments or missed performances due to excused absences.</p> <p>Students will not be allowed to make up work for unexcused absences as per Madison City Schools policy. Work missed in these instances will result in a zero.</p>
<p>Materials & Supplies</p>	<p>Standard of Excellence, Jazz Ensemble Method Book (supplied by band director) Instrument and required instrument accessories (i.e. reeds, neck straps, valve oil, slide grease, etc.) Appropriate instrument cleaning supplies (varies by instrument) Pencils Folding stand (recommended for home practice)</p>
<p>Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form</p>	<p>Please read the LMS Band Handbook which is available on CHARMS, the Liberty Middle School Band website, and Mr. Curtis's and Mrs. Sims' teacher pages on the LMS website. Please also print and sign the <i>Parent and Student Acknowledgement Form</i> on the Liberty Middle School Band website.</p> <p>By signing the Signature Page, the student and parent acknowledge understanding and agreement of the policies, procedures, and expectations of the Liberty Middle School Band program outlined in the Band Handbook and Band Syllabus.</p>

This syllabus is subject to change.