

# **JAZZ BAND SYLLABUS**

## Course Information:

**Course No. S1/S2:** MUS 242/1242

**Grade Level:** 10-12

**Teacher:** Mr. Sterk

**Room:** Band Room

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**Credit:** ½ credit each semester

**Pre-requisite:** Approval of directors. Must be enrolled in Freshman, Concert or Symphony Band at the same time. Instrumentation includes: Trumpet, saxophone, trombone, drums, guitar and keyboard

## Course Description:

The Owosso Jazz Band Program gives students the opportunity to explore the harmonic, melodic and stylistic elements of the jazz idiom as they have been noted or recorded by historically significant composers, artists or arrangers. As inquiring learners and thinkers, students will explore different cultures, techniques and styles through the study of jazz. Students will study swing, bebop, blues, Latin, rock and funk styles according to their influence on the jazz art form. This balanced approach to music education will enable students to become open-minded, knowledgeable, caring individuals and musicians. Public performances, festivals and some out-of-school practices are part of the expectations of this class. These events will help the students learn to take risks as musicians and leaders. Principled practice and reflection on every performance will also be expected.

- **This course can fulfill the MMC Visual/Performing & Applied Arts requirement**
- **Career Pathways match to these skills**
  - *Arts and Communication*
  - *Human Services*

## Course Expectations:

It is expected that every student will:

- Be present and on time for class, rehearsals and performances.
- Be prepared for class with instrument, equipment, pencil and music.
- Contribute to the overall progress of the ensemble by putting forth a focused effort.
- Follow all uniform, instrument, and equipment requirements.
- Show proper respect and care for uniforms, instrument, band room, sheet music and other people.
- Contact the director *as soon as possible* in the event of an emergency such as a death in the family or severe illness of the student. An email or note from the student's parent or guardian **will be required.**
- Inform the director of any other conflicts within two weeks of the event. Excusals will be granted based on director digression.
- As a yearlong course, students are to remain in the course for the school year, unless otherwise directed by the director.
- Follow all school rules and policies as specified in the *Owosso Public Schools Code of Student Conduct* at all events.

## Grading

Student's Grades will be calculated based on the following:

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| • Each performance             | 100 points |
| • Daily Grade                  | 100 points |
| • General Playing Grade        | 100 points |
| • Outside of school rehearsals | 40 points  |
| • Playing test                 | 100 points |
| • Written Test                 | 50 points  |

Each marking period will vary in determining the grade as the number of performances, rehearsals, written tests and playing tests change each marking period.