

Monterey High School Instrument Music Program 2019-2020

Course: Jazz Ensemble

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Prep Period: Period 4, Period 8

Textbook: None required, refer to materials below Note: A “real Book” highly advisable

Prerequisites: Musicians require some prior music experience

Course Descriptions: This is a performance class. All styles of traditional and contemporary music are studied and performed at several concerts and festivals during the year. Musicians will improve proficiency on their instrument as well as increase knowledge of Jazz history and Jazz theory and improvisation. Concerts, Festivals and Community Performances are required. *See Performance Schedule.*

Required Materials: Instruments and equipment in good working order (some are available to check out from the school), pencils, music. Reeds for wind players, mouthpiece for brass players.

Percussionists need at least 1 set of sticks.

If you are borrowing a school instrument, you will be asked to sign a contract stating that you understand you are responsible for returning that instrument in the same condition in which it was checked out to you. If there is damage, you will be charged for the repair or replacement of the instrument.

Expected Learning Results: Students will be taught lessons that focus on mastery of the 5 California music standards (artistic perception, creative expression, historical and cultural context, aesthetic valuing and connections, relations and applications). More information on this can be found at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/mumain.asp>

Assessment and Evaluation:

Students will have written and playing tests as well as projects.

Assessment and Grading:

- * Performances – 25%
- * Classroom Rehearsals and Participation – 25%
- * Musicianship – Showing up on time musically prepared for all rehearsals and performances. This includes music, instrument and performance attire-25%
- * Mid- Term or Final Exam –25%

If you cannot make these 2 performances you are advised not to take this class.

(See performance schedule) Nov 22nd, May 1st

Length: Year **UC/CSU:** Yes

Attendance: *Attendance to all classes, rehearsals and performances is mandatory.* Just like with a sports team, it is important that we have all our members at our events. Each musician is important and we rely on everyone to do their part and contribute to the group sound. It is the responsibility of the student to make sure conflicts are communicated and solutions are worked out in advance. A schedule of all known musical event will be issued to the student in the first week of school.

Assignments: As with any class, assignments (including practicing) are expected to be completed in the allotted time. Jazz musicians are highly encourage to attend jazz performances. Private music lessons are strongly suggested for the Jazz musicians as the music can be challenging.

Late Work/Make Up Work: Please refer to the MPUSD district wide policy.

Classroom Rules: Students are expected to follow all school and department rules at every practice, performance and events the music department is involved with both on and off campus.

Concert Attire: There will be a dress code for performances to be determined by the students and director.

Missing a Performance: The performance schedule is re-issued to all musicians in the first week of school. However the Monterey Instrumental musician program is consistently requested by this School, School District and the surrounding communities for our musicians for perform for them. Every effort will be main to provide and much advanced warning to avoid any schedule conflicts. However if you must miss a performance there are only 3 acceptable reasons without it effecting the grade.

- 1. Illness- Beyond the ability:** for the musician for perform. (I.e. broken leg, contagious virus, hospitalization etc.) A minor headache, broken finger nail would not be acceptable.
- 2. Bereavement:** Death in the family (i.e. Grandparent or immediate family member) The neighbor's pet vulture passing would not be acceptable.
- 3. Special Circumstances:** (i.e. Receiving the Noble Peace Prize in Norway) Going shopping for shoes or working would not be acceptable. *Note: If a special circumstance occurs the music director must be notified no less than 2 weeks prior to allow him to replace and adjust the music part with other musicians so as not to impact the music ensemble with a negative performance.*