



Glades Middle School Jazz Band Syllabus

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Course Objective

To develop an understanding of Jazz musical, Jazz instrument performance techniques, and how Jazz and Commercial music relates to other subject areas. These goals will be achieved through student involvement with the concepts below:

- Music Appreciation: Experiencing aesthetic qualities of music; becoming an educated listener and recognizing the relationship of music to all other subject areas, i.e. sciences, mathematics, and language arts.
- Music History: Acquiring historical details about musicians, and the cultural impacts of music and the ability to recognize aesthetic qualities music and
- Music Literacy: Learning and developing the ability to read music and literature by understanding structure.
- Music Literature: Challenging students to grow critical thinking, communication and cooperative working skills.
- Music Performance: Collaborating and experiencing performing with musical instruments and ensembles.
- Music Theory: Understanding musical structure and notation leading to improvement when performing music.

Course Requirements

- Student will prepare sheet music with markings from rehearsals and properly store in provided music folders.
- Music performance preparation; student will prepare music for rehearsals and performances.
- Attendance at class performances or concerts.

Performance Dates

- **September 19, 2019 – 5:00pm:** Open House – Pre-Concert - Jazz Band Only @ **Glades Cafeteria**
- **December 17, 2019 – 6:00pm:** Winter Concert - All Band Classes @ **School Auditorium**
- **February 20 -21, 2020:** Jazz Band District Evaluation/Assessment: Jazz Band Only @ **Coral Reef HS**
- **February 21-22, 2020:** Solo & Ensemble District Evaluation/Assessment: Optional @ **Coral Reef HS**
- **March 11-13, 2020:** Band District Evaluation/Assessment - Wind Symphony Period 5 & 6 Students @ **Zelda/MAS**
- **April 29, 2020 - 6:00pm:** Spring Concert - All Band Classes @ **School Auditorium**
- **May 28, 2020 - During School:** Day Concert for End of Year School - All Band Classes @ **Glades MS**

OTHER PERFORMANCES WILL BE ADDED AS WE ARE OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY IN THE COMMUNITY.

Band Class Fees

- **Music Fee**
 - \$14.00 paid each school year by each student
 - The music fee is paid by all students enrolled in the band program and is used to purchase new music and replenish old music.
- **Instrument Rental Fee**
 - \$25.00 paid each school year by each student that rents a school instrument.
 - Students and families are required to maintain the instrument in playing condition as per the instrument rental contract.

Required Materials

- Band Folder with method books & class music.
- Pencil with eraser is required at every class/rehearsal.
- Folder with notebook paper for class notes and assignments.
- Instrument: privately owned instrument, rental from the school or a rental instrument from a private company.
- Instrument Accessories: Each instrument requires additional materials such as:
 - Brass Instruments – Slide grease, valve oil, and cleaning cloth.
 - Woodwind Instruments – Must have 2 or more reeds at every rehearsal or concert.
 - Percussion/strings – sticks, stick bags, drum key, instrument cable, strings.

Textbook/Music

- Band music and other method books will be issued. The student is responsible for these materials; any damaged or lost materials will be replaced at the expense of the student family.
- Solo Music: Students will need to perform a solo for class and may need to purchase their solo or accompaniment.
- Supplemental music and other books may be recommended for personal practice and further development.

Recommended Materials

There are certain items that will help in the understanding and improvement of music literacy and performance, below are two of the most needed tools for music students. It is recommended to purchase a real metronome/tuner, but a smartphone app will be an acceptable beginning tool.

- Metronome
- Tuner

Solo & Ensembles

Solo & Ensembles are recommended for this course, but not required. Solos and Ensembles are a valuable tool for all music students and will greatly aid in the student's success as a performer via critical thinking, collaborative work and live performances. These also will build confidence and aesthetic appreciation through performing. Performing at Solo & Ensemble Assessments includes costs such as paying for an accompanist, Sheet Music Originals, and entry fees.

All County Honor Bands (Extra Credit)

If any students choose to audition, prepare and perform in an Honor Band they will earn Extra Credit. Dates will be announced as the School District provides the information.

Grading/Attendance

- The student is responsible for all materials presented during class. If the student misses a class it is the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work or materials missed. Much of the course tests will be based on class lectures.
- Grades will be given for rehearsal preparation. This grade will evaluate the student's preparation, performance, improvement and other rehearsal related assignments.
- Grades will be given for rehearsal participation. This grade will evaluate the student's participation and rehearsal etiquette.
- Attendance and tardiness will be graded.

Course grades will be given even weight for the following

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| • Class/Rehearsal Preparation and Participation | 25% |
| • Concert and Recital performances | 25% |
| • Tests/Exams: Playing and Written | 25% |
| • Assignments (Worksheets, reports, critiques, etc.) | 25% |

Grading Scale

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| A = 90-100% |
| B = 80-89% |
| C = 70-79% |
| D = 60-69% |
| F = 59% or lower. |

Extra Credit

Extra credit will be available for students who feel the need. Extra credit assignments are available on the Alternate/ Extra Credit Assignment sheet.

Instrument Rental

Students may rent instruments from school. There are a limited number of instruments and will be assigned on a first come first served basis. The instruments must be maintained and cared for as stated in the school instrument rental agreement. Student families may consider renting or purchasing their own instrument from a local or national vendor, before doing so consult with your teacher.

Band Handbook

Students will submit a signed form acknowledging receipt of the band handbook information. All required band policies procedures and other details are available in the band handbook which is available on our band website at:

- <http://www.gladesbandmiami.com/forms.html>