

WILCOX HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE OUTLINE - 2009/2010

DEPARTMENT:	Music
COURSE TITLE:	Jazz Band - BY AUDITION ONLY!
INSTRUCTOR:	Rick South
COURSE LENGTH:	One Year long (Two semesters)
UNITS:	5 Credits/Semester
Prerequisite:	High School jazz band, Junior High Jazz Band, Audition and/or instructor approval.

DESCRIPTION:

Activities include: performances on and off campus, C.M.E.A. festivals & other festivals, community functions, other gigs (as they might arise), and fund raising. Also included will be some music history, theory, terms, and short papers will be included in the class work. A concert review will be assigned in addition to reports and projects jazz related. A Spring Tour is possible and would be available for everyone to participate.

Objectives

Introduce a variety of styles and performances practices. Understand and perform basic to complex elements of jazz. Acquire knowledge of prominent jazz figures and their influences. Acquire and develop an understanding and appreciation of jazz history through readings, discussions, performances, clinics, listening exercises, and writings. Improvisation and development of ensemble skills will also be included. All ESLR's are included.

Evaluation

Grades will be based on :

40% - Class participation. & ESLR's

Points will be giving for each class meeting/rehearsal. A positive attitude, active daily participation, cooperation, courteous and supportive behavior towards all students. All Expected School Wide Learning Results (ESLR's) are goals of this class.

Each students **must** have at ALL rehearsals: your instrument, all music, a pencil & paper.

Rubrics for assessment will be used.

40% - Performances, assigned music, playing tests, and proper attire.

Points will be giving daily. Being prepared for all performances, being on time, proper attire, memorization (when required), and all playing tests. Individual excellence is expected.

Rubrics for assessment will be used.

Required performance list TBA.

20% - Written assignments and examinations.

Points will be given for all tests and assignments. *Rubrics for assessment will be used.*

* Commitment, dedication, daily participation, positive attitude, willingness to become better musicians are expected. Failure to contribute will result in dismissal from the group.
ESLR's!

Any unexcused absence from any mandatory performance = grade is lowered 2 full grades (major emergencies excluded).

Exceptions may be made (on a case-by-case basis) with two weeks prior written notification, and will still effect the grade. Notification does not guarantee being excused. Notification for missing a performance must be made prior to that performance. If you are ill, then a professional courteous call that day is required. You may always leave a message in the music office 423-2456.

Work is not an excuse.

Schedule: Jazz Band is 2nd period.

Seating:

Based on audition. However, movement within sections will be based on musical considerations. This will be done at the discretion of the director.

This quality ensemble will be expected to exhibit a high degree of musicianship and maturity.

Dress Code

Women: Appropriate dress clothes. TBA

Men: Dress shirt, long tie, dress pants, dress shoes & dress socks.

Equipment

Other than instrument, access to a cassette tape recorder/CD player for a variety of uses.

Rules

All district/school rules, attendance and tardiness policies apply at all times (all rehearsals and functions ie: concerts, tours, festivals etc. . .).

Expenses

Each Jazz Band member is responsible for a donation of \$75.00. This goes mostly towards transportation, some festival fees, & needed equipment ie: mics, amps etc. . . Payment is due by Jan. 15, 2010. They can be paid directly, payment plan, through fund raising by students and or credit through parent/student event fund raising. If you have financial hardships, please talk to me to work something out.

WIMB (Wilcox Instrumental Music Boosters) will help provide these opportunities. Payments should be made to "Wilcox H.S.", labeled "Jazz Band Donation" and turned into Music Director.

Other

Every other year the band will travel to perform out of the area. Cost is TBA (depending on destination).

Location TBA. Fund raising is one source to cover costs for this trip.

Please tear off bottom portion and return to Director NO LATER THAN Tue., Sept. 1, 20089

I have read and understand the contents of this form. I also agree to be at all designated performances and concerts. Jazz performances will be announced within the 1st month of school.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

