

Murrieta Valley Unified School District
High School Course Outline
2003

Department: Visual and Performing Arts

Course Title: Advanced Jazz Band

Course Number: 7210

Grade Level(s): 10-12

Length of Course: 1 year

Prerequisite(s): Successful completion of Beginning and/or Advanced Band.
Concurrent enrollment in Advanced Marching Band.

UC/CSU (A-G) Requirement: F

Brief Course Description:

Advanced Jazz Band meets the UC/CSU F elective and District graduation requirement for Visual and Performing Arts. This course is open to all qualified wind, percussion, bass, guitar, and keyboard players. This course provides opportunities for increasing skill in solo and ensemble playing, and provides acquaintance with the study of the standard repertory of jazz that is technically and qualitatively advanced.

I. Goals

The student will:

- A. Perform music on an intermediate to advanced level.
- B. Identify basic jazz music terminology and notation.
- C. Demonstrate a high level of instrument maintenance and care.
- D. Demonstrate a playing ability on major scales up to five flats and five sharps.
- E. Study and perform chromatic, whole tone, and pentatonic scales.
- F. Learn how chords are organized and related to a key center.
- G. Learn structures of jazz harmony to develop improvisation skills.
- H. Learn performance techniques and timbres specific to jazz.

II. Accountability Determinants

- A. Assessment Methods – Concert performances outside the school day will be required as part of the grading policy.

III. Instructional Materials and Methodologies

- A. Instructor selected materials.