

Stage Band

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Welcome to Stage (Jazz) Band here at Steele Canyon. The purpose of the course is to develop musical independence through knowledge of styles and performance technique of varied contemporary and jazz literature. The content will include but not be limited to, production of characteristic tone, interpretation of jazz rhythms and articulations, performance of literature from various popular and jazz styles, and improvisation techniques.

Materials needed:

- Instrument and equipment needed for music (i.e. mutes etc...)
- Music (first copy is provided, any lost music will cost \$.25 for each additional page)
- Music folder
- Pencil at all times
- Composition notebook to be used as a listening journal
- Metronome
- tuner (recommended, but not required)

Grading

Tests – approximately 50% of your grade

1. There will be either a playing or written test held on Friday “B” days of each week for 20 points. Midterm and final tests will be worth 40 points. First test will be given on 8/20.
2. Test dates: Written and Playing
 - a. 8/27; 9/9; 9/17; 10/1;
 - b. midterm listening/playing test week of 10/11-10/15; **listening journals due 10/8**
 - c. 10/22; 11/5; 11/19; 12/10
 - d. Final playing tests week of 12/13-12/17; Final notebooks due 12/10
3. Playing tests will be conducted in groups of 4-5 students in front of the class, or individual.
4. Make-ups for absences are allowed up to one week after the test. *This is solely the student’s responsibility!*

In compliance with 4.0 California Performing Arts State Standard, a student must attend a SCHS Concert in a discipline other than the one he is in. You must turn in a program signed by the attending teacher within 2 days of the concert. **This will be worth 50 points of your total grade!**

Classwork – approximately 50% of your grade

1. Listening Journal
2. Learning your music. Jazz Band is a performance-based class.
3. Daily practice of rehearsal skills, such as following directions.
4. There will be instances of pop playing quizzes on music played in class worth 10 points.

Please sign and return by **Monday August 20th**. This syllabus is worth 20 points of your grade.

I, _____ have read the contents of this syllabus and I understand the guidelines of this class outlined within.

I understand how I will be graded in terms of tests, classwork, and listening journal. I understand that I will be required to attend a performance of another discipline as part of my final grade.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____