

ALL-CITY JAZZ BAND AUDITIONS 2024

Welcome to the All-City Jazz Band (ACJB) Auditions! We're thrilled you decided to take the leap and audition for the band. To audition you will need to join the google classroom using this code: 3qcbpzj and upload videos to the Audition Videos section of the google classroom by September 27th, 2024!

The audition is in 3 parts: Scales/Grooves, The audition piece Straight No Chaser and an improvised (made-up) solo using a certain group of notes. Each audition can get a maximum of 40 points:

- 15 points for scales/Drum Set Grooves
- 20 Points for the audition piece Straight No Chaser
- 5 points for improvising a solo

Students with the highest scores for each instrument will be admitted to the ensemble! If you make the group, we rehearse every Thursday from 3:15-4:45pm starting October 3rd and going all the way through June! It is expected that barring personal illness or emergencies, all members of the band will be at every rehearsal. Because this group performs multiple times throughout the year and goes to competitions, it is very important that students be at all rehearsals. If a student exceeds 2 absences or has 1 unexcused absence from rehearsal a meeting with the student, their parents, Mr. Krafka, and Mrs. Krafka will be scheduled to discuss their participation in the group. The basic rule is that if there is school, we have jazz band (barring half days). All the information about the audition can be found below!

Students must be members of 5th-9th grade band at school to be eligible to audition for the ACJB. The exceptions are that strings players may also audition for bass, and anyone may audition for guitar or piano since those are not instruments offered in our programs. Being in this group last year does not guarantee you a spot this year!

PART 1: SCALES/DRUMSET GROOVES

- All Saxes: D and C (please play both octaves for both scales)
- Trumpets: F and G (Both octaves for the G scale)
- Trombones: F and C (Both Octaves for F)
- Guitar: Bb and D (Both Octaves for Both)
- Bass: F and Bb (Both Octaves for F)
- Piano: Bb and D (Both Octaves for Both)

PART 2: STRAIGHT NO CHASER

- Play the audition music along with the recording titled "Straight No Chaser Audition Backing Track" in google classroom! Each Instrument will play the following sections:
 - Alto/Bari/Tenor Sax, Trumpet, Trombone, Piano, Guitar, and Drums please play the beginning and stop at Measure 25
 - Bass please start at 13 and stop at 37
 - Bari Sax players please play the Alto Sax page!
 - Drums please play the small hits on the snare from 13-25!

PART 3: IMPROVISED SOLOS

- Improvise (make-up) a solo using any of the notes from the sheet music in the "Improvvised Solo Notes" in our Audition Materials section of google classroom (make sure you are looking at the correct instrument on the sheet). For the audition you will solo over a recording of Blues in F. Your solo should begin after the count in and go until the end of the recording.
- Drums will not improvise for the audition

Students are responsible for all the following dates outside of the Thursday rehearsals:

1. Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024 (Winter Concert)
2. TBD- MAJE Jr. Jazz Festival- Has not been scheduled but is usually in early May
3. Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025 (Spring Concert)
4. TBD - Jazz at Lynch Park (typically the Sunday after BHS Graduation)