



Intermediate Jazz Band 9

Course Code: MMU-09-JB

Welcome to Seycove Music's Band Program! The courses in the Band Program are designed to provide students with progressive training in instrumental music. Students will learn about the technical aspects of music performance, basic music history and theory, and they will experience a variety of different musical genres. The difference between the different ensembles is the complexity of the music performed. Junior level courses focus on basic performance and playing skills and an introduction to different musical genres. Senior level courses focus on a higher level of music with additional performances. Each band functions as a team. Every member has a responsibility to that band and every member's contribution is valued and is essential. Students work together to create a safe and welcoming learning environment that allows them to take risks and try new things.

Concert Band 8-12 can be taken by any student even with no prior band experience. Jazz Band 8-12 must be taken at the same time as a Concert Band. No experience is required for Concert Band courses. Jazz Band students must have prior experience on their instrument before joining. Concert Band performs numerous different styles of music from classical to movie soundtracks to popular music. Jazz Band explores many modern genres of music including rock, funk, pop, swing, Latin and more.

Jazz Band 8/9/10 (also known as Intermediate Jazz Band) is an introduction to the exploration of Jazz music in a smaller ensemble setting. The big ideas of this course include:

- Music is a unique language for creating and communicating
- Music provides opportunities to gain insight into perspectives and experiences of people from a variety of times, places, and cultures.
- Collaborative music experiences can **build community and nurture relationships** with others.
- Through music-making, one's **sense of identity** and community **continually evolves**.

Students will practice in a small group environment to achieve proficiency in the course competencies while exploring a wide variety of musical content.

*Students must be in a Concert Band to participate in Jazz Band.

Students will explore various musical styles including: Swing, Rock, Latin, Funk, and Blues, and will learn skills unique to a Jazz music setting. Jazz Band has limited space and instrumentation. Players are encouraged to contact Mr Barnes for more information regarding instrumentation and course availability. Students will perform in a number of different concerts throughout the year. Concert attendance and purchase of a basic uniform is mandatory. Students in this ensemble will likely have an opportunity to go on tour. Jazz Band is an X-Block course which takes place before and after school.

Supplemental Fee Applies