

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Middle School Course Outline

Course Title: Jazz Band (*One Year*)

Grade Level: 7, 8

Prerequisites: Instructor approval

Course Description:

Jazz Band is an advanced performance course designed to expose and familiarize the student with traditional jazz styles including big band jazz, be-bop, dixieland, fusion, and jazz-rock. Students will perform music using current jazz-playing techniques. The Jazz Band will perform in at least one Music Festival.

Student Performance

Objectives for this
Course:

Students will:

1. demonstrate advanced instrumental techniques when performing his/her part in all assigned selections in relation to correct notes, intonation, rhythm, articulation, musical interpretation, and tone quality.
2. demonstrate increased ensemble technique and sight reading ability, as determined by teacher observation.
3. perform a variety of jazz styles to the satisfaction of the instructor.
4. write a report evaluating a jazz performance which the student attended.
5. be able to improvise on a blues scale.

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Instructional Strategies

Demonstrations
Performance
Observation
Field trips
Written assignments
Recordings

Instructional Units

Typical class session (50 minutes) consists of:

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Activities</u>
5	Warm up
5	Review
15	Introduce New Concept (new note, rhythm, etc.)
15	Guided Practice of New Concept
5	Student Performance
3	Feedback
2	Closure
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	50 Minutes Total

Evaluation

Student progress will be evaluated by:

Attendance
Class participation
Performance
Written and playing tests
Home practice
Teacher observation
Teacher evaluation