

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Middle School Course Outline

Course Title: Jazz Chorus (One Year)

Grade Level: 7, 8

Prerequisites: Students demonstrate CST Proficiency in language arts/reading. Students must audition with teacher to enroll in this course.

Course Description:

Jazz Chorus is a performance group, devoted to the study and performance of music from a wide spectrum of styles. The music repertoire is of high quality and is chosen to represent a wide range of contemporary and historical jazz periods and styles. The chorus performs at school concerts, various assemblies and rallies, festivals, and at least one competition.

Student Performance

**Objectives for this
Course:**

Students will

1. ensemble and actively engage in public performances with a high quality of performance.
2. provide an environment for vocal development, both as an individual and as an ensemble (posture, breathing, support, resonance, projection, vowel unification, blend/balance, precision of onset & release, clear diction, dynamic control, articulation, and timbre).
3. provide opportunities to learn about music; its development, construction and expression.
4. demonstrate an awareness about different styles of music, with emphasis on the various historical and cultural styles within different traditions.
5. demonstrate an awareness of how music is unique in its expressive and communicative nature.
6. develop leadership skills within individuals to be able to lead within their own discipline throughout life