

RHS Jazz Band I
2009 – 2010

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Jazz Band II will provide current Band students the opportunity to further develop their skills in the various music styles that define “Jazz”.

MUSIC STYLES

Music styles studied will include (but not limited to) swing, Latin, Rock, and ballads.

FOCUS

The focus of this class will be advanced development of individual and ensemble Jazz skills. Areas of study include: beginning Music theory; improvisation; and grade level 3 – 5 Jazz music.

GRADING

Grades will be determined by attendance and classroom preparation. Poor attendance not only hurts the individual but also the entire group, whether it is rehearsal, contests, or concerts. Students are expected to be at all rehearsals, contests, and concerts. Individual preparation for class includes a positive attitude, willingness to work, and all appropriate materials.

SAMPLE GRADING SCALE

Daily Rehearsal	1 Point
Concerts/Con tests	100 points each

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Attendance is required. Poor attendance not only hurts the individual but also the entire group. The following guidelines will be maintained:

1. The teachers and administration, not the parent, will have the final determination as to whether an absence is excused. All due consideration will be given to insure fairness, but a student must realize that some absences will mean sacrificing his/her grade, and the decision on whether to miss or not must be made accordingly.
2. Band schedules are set well in advance so most conflicts will be avoided;
3. Every attempt will be made by the band department to avoid conflicts with other school activities so that the student may participate in each event.

CLASSROOM PREPARATION

Each band student is expected to behave in a manner that promotes the success of the group in each rehearsal.

1. You must be in your seat at the beginning of class.
2. Materials required for rehearsal include: instrument; pencil; music; folder; reeds/oil/sticks. All reed players are expected to maintain 5 reeds at all times. All brass players are expected to supply their own oils. All percussionists are expected to supply their own sticks, brushes, and mallets.
3. Appropriate behavior is expected for any person providing instruction.
4. Practice as if you are aiming for a I rating!

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. No gum, food, or drink in the band/choir room.
2. Do not play until instructed to do so. Practice at home or in a practice room.
3. Keep your uniform neat and clean.
4. Show respect for all equipment (personal and school owned.)
5. Report any suspicious activity.

6. Label your instrument with a luggage tag in the following manner:
 Name
 Republic High School
 #1 Tiger Drive
 Republic, MO 65738
 417-732-3650
7. Keep your instrument and music in the appropriate storage area.
8. Do not enter band room during choir time.
9. Arrive at least 5 minutes early prior to the tardy bell or designated time
10. Along with all Band rules, students will also be governed by all school rules as set forth in the Student Planner. Make sure you are familiar with this.
11. It is your responsibility to be aware of posted information and announcements. Check all boards, calendar, website, and doors daily.
12. Communication is key! If you need something (music, instrument repair, etc.) let us know. The best way is to write a note and hand it to us.

UNIFORM

Your uniform will consist of black dress shoes, black socks, black dress pants, black tuxedo, and school owned vest and tie. These will be worn at all performances unless otherwise noted.

DISCIPLINE

Should any rules be broken, the following actions will occur:

Minor

1. First Offense: Conference between teacher and student;
2. Second Offense: Conference between teacher and student with parents notified;
3. Third Offense: Conference between teacher, student, parent, and principal, with possible removal from performance status.
4. Fourth Offense: Conference between teacher, student, parent, principal, and removal from performance status.

Severe

1. First Offense: Immediate removal from performance status, removal from band, and "Student Discipline Code" consequences located in student handbook will be observed.

ELIGIBILITY

Students participating in Jazz Band are governed by the "Activities Regulations" as set forth by MSHSAA. These are given on page 15 of the 2009 student planner. Students are also expected to act in a manner according to the Citizenship Form as completed their first year in High School. Unless invited by the directors, students must be enrolled in Band in order to be in Jazz Band.

PERFORMANCES

Please see "RHS BAND SCHEDULE 2009 -10" for performances.

Republic High School Band Participation Form

Due: August 20, 2009

Student Portion

I have read the 2009 – 10 Band Syllabus and understand all that is expected of me. I will follow all of the above guidelines and act in a positive manner to represent the Republic Tiger Pride Band, Republic School District, the town of Republic, myself and my family.

(Student Printed Name)

(Student Signature Name)

Parent Portion

I have read the 2009 – 10 Band Syllabus and understand all that is expected of my student. I will encourage them to follow the above guidelines and to act in a positive manner to represent the Republic Tiger Pride Band, Republic School District, the town of Republic, and our family.

(Parent Printed Name)

(Parent Signature Name)

(Parent Contact Phone Number)