

Jazz Audition Materials

Welcome to the 2024 Jazz Program!

Mr. Doggett, Ms. Eadie, and I are so excited for this upcoming season. Included in this packet is the required material you will start to prepare this summer and early in the season for Jazz band auditions. Please read through this information carefully and prepare diligently. There is a place for students of all skill levels within our jazz program.

Auditions are required for placement into a UHS Jazz Ensemble.

Scales

Wind players, Piano, Bass: These scales as many octaves as possible. Play as quickly as you can cleanly, and swing the scale if you are able to. Use swing articulation if you know what that is. If not, do what you DO know at the highest level you are able to.

- F Major
- Bb Major
- Eb Major

Drummers: Perform these beats at these specific tempos.

- Swing = 96 bpm; 142 bpm; 186 bpm
- Shuffle = 126 bpm

Scale Degree Exercise

A scale degree is a number assigned to each note of a scale. The first note in your Bb major scale is Bb, so that makes it scale degree 1. It's just counting up the scale. Example below

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| Note Name: | Bb | C | D | Eb | F | G | A | Bb |
| Scale Degrees: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 |

In as many keys as possible, play scale degrees 1235. Play at the quickest tempo you can perform them CLEANLY.

Drummers, please perform this exercise on vibraphone

Submission Details

Please record ALL of the material in one video. To submit, please upload to GOOGLE DRIVE, copy the link and SEND US THE LINK IN AN EMAIL. Make sure you enable all 3 directors to view your video. There will be no in person component to the audition.

Our email addresses are available on the band website.

Due Date

Recordings will be due Tuesday, August 27th at 11:59pm. However, you may submit as early as you would like.