



Jazz Band Course Syllabus 2019-2020

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Google Classroom Code — q9igyy

Welcome jazz band students to the 2019-2020 school year at Allegro Charter School! Our standards driven curriculum will focus on performance skills, instrumental technique, theory and history as related to jazz music in the 20th century. Students will apply academic skills from non-musical subjects and complete a variety of group and individual projects throughout the year. Because the ensemble includes a wide range of abilities, students will often work in pairs or small groups to meet the needs of individual learners. Students are expected to participate in school concerts and preceding dress rehearsals.

Required Materials for Strings Class

- School laptop or iPad — CHARGED or *risk losing participation points*
- Pencils (no pens)
- Your assigned instrument
- Sheet Music (provided in class)
 - *If you lose your assigned music you must make a copy outside of class time and you will lose participation points.*

Grading

- 15% **Participation**
 - (arrive on time, complete bellwork, follow instructions, stay on task)
- 20% **Written Work**
 - (classwork that is not completed in class becomes homework)
- 25% **Quiz/Small Project**
- 40% **Project/Test**

Classroom Expectations

- Respect your classmates, teacher and the equipment
- Arrive on time with a CHARGED iPad, loose leaf paper and a pencil
- Use your time wisely—stay on task
- Make every effort to turn in assignments on time
- Food and flavored drinks are not permitted
 - Water in a sealable container may be kept on the classroom storage shelf and never near piano equipment
- Communicate with your teacher if you have any issues or concerns

Late assignment penalty

- -10 points for the first day late
- -5 points for each additional day
- Late assignment cut off:
 - Assignments will receive an automatic grade zero if turned in more than six days late.
- *Exemptions* may include:
 - IEP/504 accommodations
 - Excused absences: All assignments are still expected to be completed within 2 days upon returning from an excused absence.
 - Technology issue that is being addressed by Mr. Baum or an administrator

Benchmarks

- In each ensemble and music course, students will be required to take a benchmark test two times throughout the year. Each ensemble will take the test on the same day. The purpose of the benchmark test is to assess a student's growth in music and to assist those who may be in need of help. If a student fails to show growth or fails to pass their benchmark tests, then their parents will be notified and the student will be required to attend tutoring in addition to attending regular meetings with the department head and administration. The first benchmark test will take place on November 21st and the second test will take place on April 2nd.

About Google Classroom

- The Google Classroom page is for announcements, assignments, and resources. **Parents** are asked NOT to post or comment publicly on the classroom page, but ARE encouraged to email the teacher directly for clarifying questions.

Parents

- Please check Mr. Harvey's website allegroharvey.weebly.com for a weekly overview of assignments and happenings in my class.
- Mr. Harvey will not text your phone, but he will communicate and respond via email at wharvey@allegrocharterschool.org within 24 hours.