

Congratulations on your acceptance into MTHS Jazz Ensemble 1!

MTHS Jazz Ensemble 1 is consistently one of the finest jazz ensembles in the area and in the nation. I can't wait to work with you as we continue to help set the standard for high school jazz ensembles everywhere! Along with this honor and privilege come some important commitments and responsibilities. It is important that you understand these and that you and your parents know what is expected of you. If you and your family are not able to agree to these, then your membership in the ensemble will be reconsidered. There is no doubt that these expectations are high and demanding. However, in order to remain one of the top jazz ensembles around, these are the activities and behaviors that are required. I welcome any conversation regarding this contract.

Please initial each item below:

Parent Student

		Attendance at all Performances These include school concerts, gigs (during and after school), festivals, and competitions.
		Personal preparation of your music (written parts and improvised solos)
		Weekly Sectionals lead by the section leader.
		Daily class rehearsals (be on time, prepared, attentive, and cooperative)
		Completion of class assignments (transcriptions, writing, listening, etc.)
		Weekly 1 hour Private Lessons with a qualified professional music teacher.
		Participation in our travel experience. JE1 will participate in some sort of a travel experience. In the past, these have included New York, California, New Orleans, Europe, Reno, etc. For the 2019-2020 school year, we will be traveling somewhere TBD. We will also submit an audition for Essentially Ellington and if accepted the trip usually costs about \$1400.
		Attend extra rehearsals/clinics that frequently take place prior to major performances or because of special opportunities that come up These are often in the evening for 2-4 hours or all day on non-school days.
		Participation in the Essentially Ellington Festival and Competition should we be accepted. Approximate cost: \$1400
		Maintain a status of "academically eligible" for the entire year.
		Purchase an ASB code.
		Sign the Activity Code.

A commitment to these items is considered a contract for your participation in Jazz Ensemble 1. If you do not sign this contract, you will not be allowed into the ensemble. If you commit but do not follow through, you will be removed from the ensemble immediately and receive a failing grade. For example, if a student takes private lessons from now until November and quits, he/she will be removed from JE1 in the middle of the term and will receive a failing grade. The impact on the student's schedule and GPA would be the student's responsibility. Everyone's commitment to these written expectations will mean that we can focus on what really matters most: making the highest quality of music as a full ensemble.

We make every effort possible to work with families with financial difficulties. The most important thing is advanced communication. If you anticipate any problems, let's have a conversation before you sign this paper. And if things change financially during the year, please communicate that as soon as you are able. No student should be excluded from JE1 because of financial difficulties. However, if there is no communication, then there is no opportunity to problem-solve and work through any issues.

Parent Name (please print)

Student Name (please print)

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Please return this to Mr. Faul at your audition.