

AGHS Jazz Band 2016

Ensemble Information
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Educational goals

The Avon Grove High School Jazz Band Program is dedicated to giving students the opportunity to learn and perform jazz music in all of its forms. Through musical performance, students learn how to perform and appreciate jazz music of a variety of styles and levels of difficulty. Through group involvement, students learn how to work together to achieve common goals and achievements that are more personal than in other musical ensembles and develop self-discipline and attention to detail at the highest level. Through the study of jazz theory, improvisation, harmony, scales, rhythms, etc., students develop skills that will allow them to truly understand and appreciate the foundation of jazz music as well as its aesthetics.

Rehearsals

We will rehearse every Tuesday and Thursday, from 6-8pm, starting in January.

Auditions

There will be no formal prepared audition. If there is a case where we have too many interested students in one section, we may restrict the size of the section. We may use alternates (trading in and out per song). The lineup will be set after the second rehearsal on January 7th.

Lineup

Saxophones (5-7) with at least two altos, two tenors, and one bari
Trombones (4-6) with at least one bass trombone
Trumpets (4-6)
Drum set and aux percussion (1-2)
Bass/bass guitar (1)
Electric guitar (1)
Piano (1-2)

Schedule

First rehearsal

5 Jan 6-8pm Band Room

Rehearsals every Tues/Thurs unless otherwise directed, with the following notes:

29 and 31 March (Spring Break)

12, 14, 29, and 21 April may be rescheduled due to Spring Musical

Performances (All Times TBA):

18 Feb AGHS Small Ensembles Concert

19 Feb Unionville COB Jazz Show (tentative)

12 March AGHS Indoor Show

18 March West Chester East COB Jazz Show (tentative)

27 April Send-Off Performance

28 May-1 April Wildwood/TIA Indoor Championships

10 May AGHS Spring Band Concert

Middle School Recruiting Performance TBA

Attire

We will present a professional appearance at all performances. The AGHS Jazz Band's uniform will include the AGHS polo shirt, black pants/slacks, and black dress socks/shoes.

Fees

There are two separate fees associated with the AGHS Jazz Band. The ensemble participation fee covers music, transportation, jazz association fees, and the AGHS Jazz Band polo shirt.

The Atlantic Coast Championships trip to Wildwood, NJ fees cover everything associated with that trip (see attached for details and payment schedule).

Jazz Band participation fee: \$125.00

ACCs/Wildwood, NJ trip: \$300-350