

Ridge High School Jazz Band Audition Information

The Ridge High School Jazz Band is a select group for students who have an interest in jazz/rock/Latin music. Admission into the group is by audition only. The instrumentation for the group is 2 Alto Saxes, 2 Tenor Saxes, 1 Bari Sax, 4 Trumpets, 4 Trombones, 1 Guitar, 1 Piano, 1 Bass, 1 Drum, 1 auxiliary percussion. Students who were accepted into the ensemble last year must still audition for seating purposes. The lab band, a 2nd jazz band, is also available for students by audition. Instruments that are not part of the traditional jazz band are encouraged to participate! This band rehearses from 5:30-6:30 on Wednesday nights. This ensemble will only run if there is adequate instrumentation.

Informational Meeting and music reading session:

Wednesday, November 2nd from 2:30-4:00 in the band room (222)

Bring your instruments!

Audition Dates:

November 21st, and 22nd, from 2:30-4:30 in the band room (222)

First Rehearsal:

November 23rd from 6:30-9:00

Contact me at dzugale@bernardsboe.com to schedule an audition time

The audition will consist of:

- Scales/Drum beats (NOT from memory)
- Required music excerpts
- Sight-Reading
- *Optional but strongly recommended: Demonstrate the ability to improvise on F-Blues or similar chord progression*
- *Optional but recommended: perform a piece of your choice in jazz style (e.g. Music from the real book or something from the Abersold series of books)*

