

JAZZ BANDS



California High School has two jazz performance classes, Jazz Band and Jazz Ensemble.

Jazz Band

Jazz Band is open to students wanting to learn about and improve upon various jazz styles, including blues, swing, and improvisation. This is considered an intermediate jazz course. Students must have prior experience on a traditional jazz instrument: saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass, electric guitar or drum kit. Class will include elements of jazz theory, historical and cultural context. Introduction and enhancement of improvisation skills and techniques will be covered. **Grades 9-12. CSU/UC “F”**

Jazz Ensemble

Jazz Ensemble is an advanced, **auditioned** jazz course. The class covers advanced jazz repertoire in styles including Latin, swing and rock/funk as well as theory. Students in the rhythm section should be taking private lessons. Jazz Ensemble participates in all school concerts and program fundraisers as well as a CMEA or NCBA festival during the spring semester. **Grades 10-12. CSU/UC “F”**