



**Warrior Jazz Band
2020-2021**

Mr. Andrew Young

Description: Warrior Jazz is an ensemble designed to learn, and perform various genres such as jazz, rock, latin, samba etc. Students will study a varied repertoire of music ranging from grade levels III to V. Attendance at after-school rehearsals and performances is required.

Class Rules:

1. No food or drinks in the classroom. You may have a school bottle of water.
2. Be respectful to others.
3. Show the person talking respect by looking at and paying attention to them.
4. Be ready to begin at the beginning of the class period.
5. Keep all electronic devices put away for the duration of class.
6. Keep social distancing in mind at all times, wear masks unless playing, and keep your hands clean. Do not touch other people, or their instruments/other belongings.

Attendance and Tardy Policy:

Warrior Jazz will follow the SDOC policy. Students who are a part of the Jazz Band must be enrolled in the early bird class. Class will take place every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the band room. Students are to arrive by 7:45am and class will begin shortly after. ALL students will need to enter the band room via the side entrance to the band room that leads outside.

Leaving Class/Restroom Breaks:

- Students may use the restroom if they cannot wait to go at the end of class. Restroom breaks should be taken care of before and after class so that the student does not miss instruction or disrupt the class by leaving and returning. If the students make the restroom a habit during class time I will remove his/her right to leave the classroom.
- If the student has been called to another classroom or to the office by a teacher or administrator, that student will be able to leave the class pending my approval.
- Students will be permitted to leaving the classroom if the student is sick and appears to need medical attention in the nurses office.
- Students will be permitted to leave the classroom if they have provided an excuse from a MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL saying that the student in question has a medical excuse for frequent restroom breaks.

Materials Needed:

- Instrument/Mouthpiece, reeds, valve oil, all things needed to have a well working instrument.
- Music Binders
- Pencils
- Tuner/Metronome
- Chromebook
- Face Mask

Grades:

Grading Scale:

90-100 ————— A

80-89 ————— B

70-79 ————— C

60-69 ————— D

0-59 ————— F

Grades will be calculated with the following criteria:

Major Grade — — — 60%

Minor Grade — — — 40%

Grading:

- *Class Participation (Major)* and performances are the most important part of the band class. All students must come prepared with the materials necessary to perform each day in my classroom. Lack of materials in band class will result in the lowering of the student's participation grade.
- *Playing Tests (Major)* Will consist of groupings of the major and minor scales for your instrument, technique exercises, musical excerpts from the concert band music.
- *Playing Quizzes (Minor)* Will consist of one major or minor scale, smaller musical excerpts, terms, a technique exercise.
- *Written Quizzes (Minor)* Terms quizzes, short answer responses etc.
- *Performances* are mandatory for all students in the band and make up for over 60% of your final grade.
- *Final Exam (Major)*

**** Students who are enrolled in this class will also be expected to attend all after school rehearsals/ sectionals/ masterclasses/ and clinics that may be scheduled to prepare for concerts and Jazz Ensemble Performance Assessment.**

Requirements for Ensemble Participation

- Students who are a part of the jazz band program are expected to attend all of the scheduled rehearsals and performances for the entirety of the concert season.
- Students who participate in other school related activities must speak with me far in advance if any practices conflict with the scheduled rehearsals required for band.
- Outside students who participate in the Warrior Jazz must attend all of the scheduled rehearsals after school in order to be considered a part of the ensemble.

Excused and Unexcused Absences from after school rehearsals

- **Excused** absences include illness (absence from school with a doctor's note), death in the family, religious events and major anniversaries.
- **Unexcused** absences are absences that have not been communicated to, and approved by Mr. Young.
- **Absence Request Form:** In order to be approved, students must turn in a form (located in the google classroom and on the band website www.bandsofwestoak.com) 48 hours prior to the scheduled rehearsal time. Recorded requests will be evaluated and approved or denied by Mr. Young. If denied, the absence will become unexcused.



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By signing my name below I understand, agree, and will follow the policies and procedures listed in the band course syllabi as well as understand my commitment and am willing to dedicate the time and effort needed to be in the West-Oak High School Warrior Jazz Band.

Student name _____ Signature: _____ Date:

Parent name _____ Signature: _____ Date: