

Riverton High School Varsity Jazz Ensemble

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Enrollment by Audition Only

A. Course Description

Varsity Jazz is an advanced performance ensemble. This Band will focus primarily on music from the Jazz, Swing, and Funk idioms. Students will develop advanced musical skills in areas of technique, improvisation, theory, and understanding jazz harmony & rhythms. Students should expect to perform in both a big band & small combo setting. Students will develop a working knowledge of the standard repertoire from this young and ever-evolving musical idiom. The Jazz Ensemble participates in approximately four to six concerts each year. This band will represent the school at local jazz festivals. Depending upon the degree of musical excellence, the band *may* be involved in a tour every other year. ***Concurrent enrollment in Symphonic Band, Concert Band or Percussion Ensemble is required for participation in this group.*** (Exception may be made for guitarists & pianists)

B. Materials & Supplies

Members are required to have a quality musical instrument* and to maintain it in proper playing condition. Certain instruments may be provided by the school with a rental fee of \$75. The following materials are required as they apply to your instrument:

- 4 (four) quality reeds with a reed-guard (woodwinds)
- Cleaning equipment i.e. swabs, snakes, brushes, etc.
- Proper lubricating oils
- Proper mutes, i.e. straight mute, cup mute, harmon mute (Jo-Ral brand preferred).
- Two sharpened #2 pencils

* If you plan to purchase an instrument, *please* consult with Mr. Fallon first. He will give valuable advice on where to look, and what to look for.

C. Fees** & Additional Expenses

Jazz Ensemble Class Fee:	\$20	
Jordan District Activity Fee:	\$40	(ONE-TIME-ONLY per student, per year)
District Instrument Rental Fee:	\$75	(for rental of school-owned instruments only – limited availability)

** All fees must be paid by the end of the 2nd week.

** All financial transactions must occur through the main office. Once a transaction is complete, submit one receipt to Mr. Fallon and keep the other for your own records. An accounting of the transaction will not be made until the receipt is submitted...No Exceptions will be made.

D. Concert Attire

Men & Women: Black suit, Black button-down long-sleeve dress shirt, black socks, & black formal shoes.

E. Grading Scale & Policy***

A	=	94-100%	C+	=	76-79%
A-	=	90-93%	C	=	73-75%
B+	=	86-89%	C-	=	70-72%
B	=	83-85%	D	=	60-69%
B-	=	80-82%	F	=	59% and below

*** Grading, Attendance, & Homework Policy for all instrumental ensembles available within the Band Handbook.