



Grand Haven High School Jazz Band

Course Number: J50

Grade Level: 9, 10, 11, 12

Credits : 1

Prerequisite Courses :

Course Description

Enrollment is audition based. Interested students must obtain audition materials. Priority will be given to those currently enrolled in one of the instrumental performing ensembles. Interested students must receive instructor approval prior to enrollment. Objectives include the continuation of the development of correct playing habits, sight-reading, performance standards, intonation, and phrasing with emphasis on improvisation development. This course will provide students exposure to various literature through performance, including but not limited to Big Band, Blues, and many other Jazz styles/genres.

Course Objectives

- To perform varied repertoire on your instrument by yourself and with others.
- To learn the techniques necessary to become an independent musician capable of further study and performance on your instrument and/or other instruments.
- To gain experience performing in front of an audience.
- To learn how to work together as a team.
- To gain understanding in music theory, styles of jazz, improvisation, and jazz- specific performance styles.

Student Expectations

All band students are expected to bring a great attitude and work ethic to each class, rehearsal or performance. Members of the band are also required to be at all concerts, scheduled band events and extra rehearsals. Band is a team effort and participation of each person is vital for the success of all. The band calendar is posted online in May of the previous school year and is communicated during the first week of school. Students and parents are expected to schedule around concerts, scheduled band events and any extra rehearsals. Please see the band handbook for additional expectations.

Building Behavioral Expectations

T.E.A.M. GH ... One Team, One Family, One Grand Haven. Be Kind. Always.

It is our expectation that ALL GHHS students, staff and parents will ... always give their best **EFFORT** in everything that they do, work hard to be **INCLUSIVE** of each other, show **RESPONSIBILITY** in class, the hallways, cafeteria and at events, and **WORK TOGETHER** at all times!

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Communication

- CutTime Manages: all student account activity including trip finances, transfers, charges, and inventory including uniforms and instruments.
- ghaps.org/ghbands: Your primary resource for communication and official documents/information regarding the Bands of GHHS. Use this site to explore the band program, send email, sign up for various activities, and stay informed. Subscribe to RSS feeds and sign up for email blasts to keep connected.
- [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/GrandHavenBands): "Grand Haven Bands". Join these pages to keep updated and post comments.
- Remind.com: Texting/email service for up-to-the-minute changes/reminders of upcoming events. Used to remind students of performances, call times, equipment, tests, homework, etc. Sign ups included in course emails.
- Google Classroom: Found on your ghaps google account. Codes to join classroom will be announced in class.
- GHBBA: Every band parent is automatically a member of Grand Haven Band Boosters Association! We have an elected Executive Board in place, but there are many ways you can become involved and volunteer. You will receive information throughout the year and hear more about our Boosters and opportunities to help at Concerts and other events.
- DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:
 - Iain Novoselich, 616.850.6145, novoselichi@ghaps.org

Grading Policy

- DAILY MUSICIANSHIP 35%

This grade is determined by the quality of participation on a daily basis.

 - posture
 - proper use of the instrument/equipment
 - music, folder, pencil
 - score marking
 - attitude and attentiveness
- CONTENT MASTERY 35%
 - Homework
 - marking music/choreography
 - performance critiques
 - writing assignments
 - Quizzes/Tests
 - playing tests
 - choreography tests
 - memorization checks

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- PERFORMANCE 30%

This grade is determined by the quality of participation on a performance basis.

- All concerts/performances
- MSBOA and SMB Events (festival, competitions)

Scope and Sequence

Performances: Bucs Last Blast, GHHS Holiday Spectacular, Prefestival Concert, Swingin' Jazz Thing, CMU Jazz Weekend, State Festival Performance, TAC Jazz Festival, Excellence in Service Awards, Spring Concert. Additional outreach events as requested.

FOR ALL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING ALL PROGRAM INFORMATION, PLEASE REFERENCE THE HANDBOOK AT: www.ghaps.org/ghbands
THE HANDBOOK FURTHER DEFINES ALL EXPECTATIONS FOR BAND STUDENTS NOT INCLUDED HERE.

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