

Masconomet Regional High School Curriculum Guide

Course Title: Jazz Choir

Course Number: 8621

Department: Music

Grade Level and Phase 9-12

Length of Course: Year

Course Description:

This voice ensemble performs jazz, Broadway, and rock music. Emphasis is on small group singing, solo independence and choreography. No audition is required. Rehearsals are scheduled on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Jazz Choir will perform for two concerts – The February Jazz concert and the traditional Outback Concert/ fund raiser in May. Grading is based on class participation, attendance at all concerts and rehearsals, and other criteria as developed by the conductor. Special skills to be developed and explored are pop singing styles and techniques, improvisational singing, and familiarity with jazz idioms .

Pre Requisite: Concert Band or Singers is a **co-requisite** for this class unless special permission granted by the instructor necessitate by schedule conflicts.

Objectives:

Improvement of vocal, technical, musical, and performance skills which include:

Scat Singing

Jazz Improvisation

Healthy vocal technique

Projection of voice

Good posture

Good embouchure (mouth position)

Strong diction

Ability to sing voice part within student's section

Ability to sing voice part within a mixed formation

Memorization of music

Proper stage and concert etiquette

An improved ability to read pitches and rhythms at sight with and without the aid of Solfege syllables.

These objectives support the following **Learning Expectations from the Masconomet High School Mission Statement: A1, A3, A4, S1, S2, S3, C1, C2, C3**

Assessment:

Grades will be assessed as follows:

- 1. Class participation – 45%**
(Rehearsal skills, Vocal Technique, Musicianship skills, Classroom behavior)
- 2. Performance attendance – 20%**
- 3. Class attendance grade – 35%**
- 4. Final Exams count as 25% of semester end grade.**