

Fall 2019 VHS Jazz Auditions

All students interested in joining jazz band this Fall need to audition. Auditions will be on August 8, 2019. Audition times TBD.

Jazz Band Instrumentation:

Saxophones (2 altos, 2 tenors, 1 bari) Instrument and chair seating will be determined from your placement audition. Any saxophonist can be placed on any instrument, ALTO, TENOR or BARI, for the best overall ensemble.

Trumpets (maximum of 5 trumpeters) Any trumpeter may be placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th (or 5th if needed). Seating will be determined from your placement audition.

Trombones (3 tenors and 1 bass) Any trombonist may be placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or Bass Trombone. Seating will be determined from your placement audition.

Guitar A maximum of two guitarists will be admitted to play with the ensemble

Piano A maximum of two pianists will be admitted to play with the ensemble

Bass (preferably acoustic) A maximum of two bassists will be admitted to play with the ensemble

Drum Set A maximum of two drummers will be admitted to play with the ensemble

Vibraphone One vibraphonist will be admitted to play with the ensemble

Audition Requirements

In addition to preparing the mandatory **Jazz Etudes** (specific to each instrument), instrumentalists must also be prepared with the following:

Sax, Trumpet, Trombone, Guitar, Piano, Bass, and Vibraphone will demonstrate the ability to play all 12 major scales playing quarter notes at minimum 120bpm.

Drums will demonstrate playing in the styles of bossa nova (quarter note = 108)

For students interested in joining **VHS Jazz Combo**, you will be required to improvise **two** 12 bar choruses over **Bb Blues. Rhythm section** instruments (guitar, piano, bass, drums, vibes) interested in joining combo will be required to demonstrate one chorus of **comping** on Bb Blues as well. Play along recording provided.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Emilio Terranova at valenciahighjazz@gmail.com