

## **Course Description**

### **Grades 7-8 Junior High Jazz Band**

**Philosophy Statement:** God created the world with innumerable sounds. Since the beginning God has given music to mankind to enrich lives and to enhance man's expression of love to his Creator. The Bible gives several instances when men and women glorify and praise God through singing and the use of instruments. Through the study and performance of music, students can focus their gifts and talents into expression that reflect His beauty. Music is a gift from God.

**Course Objective:** To learn to play jazz through a variety of different styles of jazz music. These styles are blues, shuffle, ballad, samba, and rock. Students will play and understand improvisation through rhythm changes and blues form. Lastly the MS Jazz Band's will prepare performances at various festivals including Hooverfest, SCIBA MS Jazz Band Festival, and Jazz Night.

**Textbooks:** Standard of Excellence Jazz Ensemble Method  
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#### **Materials:**

- Musical instruments
- Pencils.
- Improvisational selections

**Time Allotment:** 55 minutes per day, two days per week

#### **Course Content:**

- Two concerts
- Two festivals
- Des Moines Christian Jazz Ensemble

#### **Areas to be evaluated:**

- Attendance of rehearsals
- Attendance at performances

#### **Additional Activities:**

- Nomination of freshmen for CJC
- All members are encouraged to attend improvisation lessons at the Creative Music Studio by Susie Miget