

**WHS CONCERT JAZZ BAND
GRADE SYSTEM
2011-12 SEMESTER I**

Proficiency Semester I:

Every CJB member is required to audition for the NMEA All-State Jazz Band. Students are not responsible for jazz band audition fees. Auditions do require a completed application due Friday September 2, 2011. Any student that chooses to audition for additional groups will do so at their own expense. Audition date is set for Saturday October 15, 2011 at **Omaha Northwest** High School. A student self evaluation and verification of audition participation is required in order to pass your first semester proficiency. Failure to audition may result in a failing grade for the semester. Audition materials will be handed out during the first 2 weeks of school.

25% Teamwork/Rehearsal Skills:

15% Rehearsal & performance punctuality & attendance.

10% Actively & appropriately engaged in classroom activity.

75% Performing/Ensemble Skills:

10% Scale competency over majors, minors, modes, blues, bebop. & a descending 9-8-7-5-3-2-1 in any mode or key.

10% Chord reading: Spelling, writing or performing correct notes of any chord given including the ii-V-I progression.

10% Improvisation: Performing an appropriate improvised melody over a designated chord progression using our **"Improvisation lead sheet binder"** or something from the CJB music folder.

10% Execution of appropriate instrument characteristics and ensemble performance skills of tone, air, balance, blend, posture, embouchure, articulation, dynamics & interpretation.

35% Music performance accuracy: Demonstrate on your instrument all correct notes, rhythm, articulation and phrasing with no less than 98% accuracy as designated by the teacher.

Sectionals: Students are required to participate in one student conducted sectional no less than 1 time per week in addition to any other large group rehearsals. This student sectional will be no less than 30 minutes in length. Sectionals must take place in the WHS music area (note: time and day of sectional must be approved by the instructor).

Extended & Morning Rehearsals: Students are required to attend all before school 7:00 am rehearsals. Before school rehearsals will not start until after the conclusion of our marching season. A Calendar will be given to all parents and students that displays all of our after school (extended) rehearsals and performances. Additional rehearsals may be called that are not on the calendar given. Students will be given (when possible) no less than two weeks notice for any calendar additions or changes.

Grade Scale:

98-100 = A+

95- 97 = A

85-94 = B+

80- 84 = B

75- 79 = C+

65- 74 = C

55- 64 = D+

45- 54 = D

0- 44 = F