

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

Proficiency Semester II:

Every Student will be required to judge no less than 2 high school (other than a WHS Band) jazz bands using a judging form provided by the instructor. Students will be asked to score and comment on both strengths and weaknesses of the performance judged. Students will also need to provide a solution for improving at least one of the weaknesses cited.

25% Teamwork/Rehearsal Skills:

15% Rehearsal & performance punctuality & attendance.

10% Actively & appropriately engaged in classroom activity.

75% Performing/Ensemble Skills:

20% Improvisation: Performing an appropriate improvised melody over a designated chord progression using our “**Improvisation lead sheet binder**” or something from the CJB music folder.

20% 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