

SPRING LAKE HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND (Trimesters 2&3)  
CURRICULUM MAP

Group Assessments:

- School concerts
- CMU Jazz Festival
- MSBOA Jazz Festival
- MSU Ellington Jazz Festival

Individual Assessments:

- Playing tests
- Midterm and/or final exam

The following standards (adapted from state and national standards) are embedded throughout the year and are present in all units applicable:

Perform accurately and independently, alone and in the ensemble with proper posture and intonation. (1a)

Perform with expression and accuracy a varied repertoire of music with a difficulty level of grade 2.5-6. (1b)

Improvise original melodies over given chord progressions, each in a consistent style, meter, and tonality. (2a)

Trace the evolution of American music, and cite well-known musicians associated with it. (3a)

Unit	Standard	Learning Target	Resource/Mentor Texts	Assessment
Improvisation	2a	I can improvise with the chord changes, based on an understanding of form and theory.	Play-a-long recordings, recordings of jazz masters, theory as taught by instructor	Improvise in rehearsal and in concert.  Assessed all year long as the music selections change.

Christmas music	1a, 1b	With practice I can play my parts to the best of my ability.	Music as selected by the director, demo recordings, music	December concert at school
Jazz History	3a	I can identify influential and innovative musicians and composers, different genres of jazz, and the factors that impacted and shaped jazz since it's origins.	Ken Burns' documentary miniseries "JAZZ"  "Legends of Jazz" with Ramsey Lewis	Midterm and/or final exam
Jazz Festival music: CMU Jazz Weekend	1a, 1b, 2a	With practice I can play my parts to the best of my ability.	Music as selected by the director, demo recordings, music	Judges written comments  Band, section, and soloist awards presented at awards concert
Jazz Festival music: MSU Ellington Festival	1a, 1b, 2a	With practice I can play my parts to the best of my ability.	Music as selected by the director, demo recordings, music; At least one selection from the "Essentially Ellington" list must be performed	Judges written comments  Band, section, and soloist awards presented at awards concert
Spring Lake Jazz Night music	1a, 1b, 2a, 3a	With practice I can play my parts to the best of my ability.	Music as selected by the director and guest artist, demo recordings, music, tickets sold by	Clinic and Q&A with guest artist(s)  School concert with

		I have the opportunity to perform with professional artists.	students	guest artist
Spring concert music	1a, 1b	With practice I can play my parts to the best of my ability.	Music as selected by the director, demo recordings, music	Spring concert at school