

# Jazz Band Auditions



Thank you for auditioning for the Waukeez Jazz Bands. This is a great opportunity that will be something you will remember for a long time. The goal of the audition process is to place everyone in a group of “like” ability so every one may experience success at their current level of musicianship.

All the positions are open for Jazz I, Jazz II and The Jazz Project. So, work hard and give it your best try.

Elements to be considered when placing students in groups:

1. Tone/Projection
2. Rhythmic Acuity
3. Pitch
4. Style
5. Technique
6. Phrasing/Dynamics
7. Past performance record in activities
8. Past rehearsal attendance Tendencies
9. Work ethic in all Band activities

## Jazz Band Audition Form (Print clearly and make a copy of this form for your records)

### Student Information:

Student's First Name:		Grade Next Year : Circle →	9	10	11	12
Student's Last Name:		Student's Home Phone:				
Street Address:		Student's Cell Phone:				
City:		Student's E-mail:				
Zip Code:						

### Parent/Guardian Information: This is how we will contact you for Jazz Band up-dates/info.

Father's First Name:		Mother's First Name:	
Father's Last Name:		Mother's Last Name:	
E-mail Address:		E-mail Address:	
Cell Phone:		Cell Phone:	

Guardian's First Name:		<b>IMPORTANT:</b> Sign up today to be on the <u>News E-Mail List:</u> <a href="http://www.waukeebands.org/">http://www.waukeebands.org/</a>
Guardian's Last Name:		
E-mail Address:		
Cell Phone:		

1. Have you ever been ineligible? \_\_\_\_\_ **Academic**  
 (be honest we will look this up) \_\_\_\_\_ **Code of Conduct** (drinking, smoking, fighting, etc)

2. Have you ever been dismissed from a group/team/organization due to inappropriate behavior? **Yes No**

3. Activities you plan to be in next year (sports/drama/speech/etc):

4. Will you have a job next year? Circle one: Yes No      Where? \_\_\_\_\_

How flexible are they with time off? Circle one: Very      Somewhat      Not sure

5. Consider me for (circle one):      Jazz I      Jazz II      Jazz Project      any of the three groups

# Additional Information For You

Auditioning for the groups commits you to the schedule and performances for that particular group. We have several students that audition for the groups each year and we want to make sure you have, and know, all pertinent information. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Page, Mr. Patterson or Mr. Graziano.

The Jazz band schedule is very important and must come first. Attendance of every member of the ensemble is vital to the group's success. We are as flexible as possible when dealing with scheduled school events (speech, sports, band, drama, et al) and in the past have been able to make 99.9% of conflicts work. If there is an unresolved conflict, we will never ask the student to make a choice. As director of the ensemble, we will communicate with the other activity coaches or sponsors and make the best choice for the specific situation.

Mr. Page, Jazz I..... 987-2770  
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Mr. Patterson, Jazz II ..... 987-5163  
jpatterson@wauke.k12.ia.us

Mr. Graziano, Jazz Project..... 987-3363  
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## ***Jazz Band Audition Contract***

I have read this information and give (print) \_\_\_\_\_ permission to audition for Jazz Band at Waukee. I understand the expectations and time commitments and give full parental support. I also agree to accept the outcome of the audition as final.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Tentative Schedule (this schedule will change some prior to the final draft):**

**Jazz I-** Thursday evenings- yet to be determined 7:00-8:30 p.m., and in addition, at the conclusion of Marching Band Season, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 7:00-7:45 a.m.

**Jazz II** – Aug-October 19, Thursday Nights 7:00-8:00 p.m. After marching season, we work out a schedule that consists of 2 full band rehearsal before school per week, and 1 sectional before or after school.

**Jazz Project-** Aug-October 19, Thursday nights 7:00-8:30 p.m., and in addition, after Marching Band Season, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 7:00-7:45 a.m.

## **2012-13 Calendar:**

- August 14<sup>th</sup> – Jazz Kick-Off 6:00 Dinner/rehearsal
- Dec 8 – SCIBA Jazz Contest (Waukee High School)
- Jan 24 – Simpson College Jazz Festival (Indianola)
- Jan 26 – IHSMA State Jazz Contest
- Feb 2 – Jack Oatts Festival (Earlham), and/or Central College Jazzmania (Pella)
- Feb 16 – Indianola Jazz Encounter (Indianola)
- Mar 2 – Hoover Jazz Festival
- Mar 7 – Jazz Showcase
- April 18 – Jazz Championships

**Please return this form and the info sheet when you audition. Make a copy for your records.**