



Jazz Band Handbook 2024-2025

Welcome to the Citrus Hills Intermediate Jazz Band Program! My goal is to teach you all I can about music and to help you become the finest and most knowledgeable performer possible. If you always put forth your best effort with hard work and integrity, you will experience a lot of success and achieve your goals. The study and performance of music should be both rewarding and FUN! This handbook will help explain how you can find those rewards and discover the joy of music.

Please read this handbook carefully. It contains very important information. It will answer many questions that you might have throughout the school year.

General Information

Jazz Band is a year course. Jazz Band is available only to students who play saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, piano, drum set, guitar or bass guitar. Other instruments are allowed by a case by case basis. Jazz Band meets during the school day.

As this is a smaller ensemble, Jazz band members are held to a higher level of performance, participation and behavior. Students who are in other performing groups, are expected to practice all music from all participating bands/choirs and are subject to removal from the group if they are not. The focus is to introduce students to the basic techniques of the jazz including jazz music theory / history and how jazz history and composition relates to students' current life and musical experiences. The Jazz Band will perform at school assemblies; evening concerts, possibly a local festival, and it is also available to perform short concerts in our community.

IMPORTANT Contact Information

Mrs. Cedar's email: deanne.cedar@cnusd.k12.ca.us

CHIS Music Boosters email: chismusicboosters@gmail.com

CHIS Music Boosters website <https://chismusicboosters.org/>

Remind App Codes (receive important information with this app)

Period 5 Jazz Band: @jazzcatjag <https://www.remind.com/join/jazzcatjag>

Open the invite link above on your smartphone or desktop to join the group.

Citrus Hills Intermediate School

3211 S. Main Street Corona, CA 92882

(951) 736-4600 x4104 Choir Room

(951) 736-4623 School Fax

(951) 736-4616 Attendance Office

PRIVATE LESSONS

It is ***highly*** recommended that every student take PRIVATE LESSONS. Nothing can match the benefits of this type of individualized attention and expertise. You will be surprised at how much faster your skills improve after just a few short weeks! Below is the list of private teachers who have been working with students in our area. Call for pricing and schedule availability.

Joshua Zepeda (Percussion/drum set)	(951)675-5766
Amy Bowers (Trombone/Euphonium/Tuba)	(714)931-1216
Mason Tejada (Trumpet, Trombone.Euphonium/Tuba)	(951)941-9477
Cameron Dominguez (Saxophone)	(714)624-1801
Michael Hammerton (Trumpet)	(657)217-9975
Sean Johnson (Music & Arts on Ontario) (guitar, piano)	(951) 278-8880
Corona Music (all instruments)	(951) 898-2630
Music & Arts (on Parkridge) (all instruments)	(951) 735-5924
Music & Arts (on Foothill) (all instruments)	(951) 278-8880

Mrs. Cedar

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Jazz Band Expectations

1 Prompt: Be on time to the classroom so we can maximize our rehearsal.

2 Polite: Be respectful to everyone. No bullying will be tolerated. This is a safe zone

3 Prepared: Come to class ready to learn. Bring a pencil, Binder, sheet protectors, notebook paper, instrument and a positive attitude.

4 Performances: I will participate in all Performances, unless made impossible by a family emergency or illness.

5 Patient: Great things take time. Please practice your music outside of class to review the new skills learned.

Listen to Jazz musicians

Louis Armstrong
Miles Davis
Duke Ellington
Herbie Hancock
John Coltrane
Art Blakey
Charles Mingus
Glenn Miller
Benny Goodman

Dates

Click on "Dates" for full calendar. Read weekly newsletters from me for the latest information. Delivered on weekends.

Fall Concert Jazz Band
Oct. 17th 6:30pm

Winter Concert Choir
with Jaguar Jazz Band
December 11 6:30PM

Spring Choir Concert
April 15 6:30PM

Spring Jazz Festival
TBD

Incoming 7th grade
information night
April TBA

Jazz Band Concert
@ Santiago HS
May 10 7pm

*****All dates are subject to change!**

Most performances are at CHIS. Field trips will be added to the calendar when they are finalized. Some additional concerts will likely be added. These are included for planning purposes. Thanks in advance for your flexibility.

Grades

(Updated Weekly)

25 %

On time/
Participation/
materials for
class

30 %

Daytime &
Evening
Performances

20 %

Class work &
Quizzes

10 %

Practice
Assessments

15 %

Home
Practice

Communication



Best way to reach me:

TEACHER EMAIL:

deanne.cedar@cnsd.k12.ca.us

Practice time
Tues. & Thurs.
Afterschool



Remind and
CutTime

Concert Attire

The Jazz Band Concert Uniform for all evening concerts:

*CHIS Jaguar Jazz Shirt - provided by the CHIS Music Boosters.

*Black Dress Pants - Provided by the CHIS Music Boosters if student received pants for other band class concerts. If not, parent provides the black dress pants.

*Black Shoes - Provided by the parent

Supplies for class

- 1 1/2 inch black binder (this binder can be the same binder for your other music class).

- 3+ pencils

-25+ sheet protectors for sheet music*

-spiral or composition notebook

*Sheet music and jazz book provided by boosters

Performances

Concerts are a time to display our hard work. This class is a graded class and students will receive grades for attending and participating at each concert (See pg. 3 for concert dates). Only excused illness from school the day of the performance or a written note from a parent a week in advance will be excused from a performance. Unexcused absences from performances result in a lowered grade.

Field trips are optional but encouraged because of performance opportunity and musical growth. Child must meet the field trip criteria to participate. Please sign the field trip criteria and return. (See last page.)

Extras

Extra Credit: I offer extra credit throughout the year if a choir members attends a concert and brings me a program or ticket stub.

Participate in Honor Jazz Band:

Honor Jazz Bands allow students to grow musically and improve the bands at Citrus Hills. Jazz members who participate in honor Jazz Band will receive acknowledgement at our Spring Awards Concert and extra credit. See me if interested.

Classroom Donations: Clear Page Protectors, Small Candy (Starbursts, Jolly Ranchers) for incentives, Black 3-Ring Binders, Pencils, Facial tissue, snacks for parties, and 70-page Spiral Notebooks.

Extra Rehearsals: Rehearsals outside of regular class occur before a combined performance or when a small group needs more rehearsal time with me. These rehearsals take place after school. Click Dates on pg. 3 to see extra rehearsals.

Extra Help on music??: See me for help during my office hours: Lunch time on Wednesdays and after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30-3:15pm.

FUNDRAISING

The music program will fundraise throughout the year. Our fundraising efforts help raise money for our music programs' needs: Instruments, Sheet music, musical equipment, future field trips, transportation, etc. Our goal every year is to raise enough so students can have field trip opportunities and purchase sheet music for concerts. Please stay connect on how parents can assist our music program in our fundraising events

BE A VOLUNTEER...Help the CHIS Music Boosters any way that you can!

The success of our music program is due to parent involvement.

Steps to volunteering:

1. Please check below where you can volunteer.
2. [Click here](#) to fill out the CHIS music volunteer form.
3. Please fill out the [CNUSD Volunteer form](#) to become a volunteer for our music program.

To read more about the steps to becoming a volunteer, please visit the district's [volunteer page](#).

AWARDS

Outstanding Jazz Band member:

This award is given to a member of our Jaguar Jazz band who exhibits outstanding musicianship in the style of jazz and displays a leadership role.

Please click on the links below and complete the CHIS Jazz Contract and Volunteer Survey. This is every band member's first assignment - must be submitted to receive credit. Parents and guardians fill out this form.

[Jazz Band Member Contract - First assignment due 1st week of school \(Filled out by parent/guardian only\)](#)

[Do you want to volunteer for CHIS Music? Click here to fill out our volunteer form.](#)

[CHIS Music 24-25 Calendar - Updated weekly](#)