

SYLLABUS FOR MONRONEY JAZZ BAND 2008-09

The Monroney Jazz Band is an extension of the 8th Grade Band class. The Jazz Band is a “pull out” class during 2nd period. Students shall have rehearsals at least twice a week from October through May. The Jazz Band is taught by Holly Fike. Miss Fike’s planning period is 1st period, which is 8:10-9:10. Please feel free to contact by school phone, 739-1786 x232 (voicemail is available), or by email, hfike@mid-del.k12.ok.us.

The Jazz Band is a performance band that has membership of band students with at least one year band experience. Students will be rehearsing from a method book provided by Monroney Band and will be responsible for the condition of the book when it is returned to Miss Fike in May. Instruments used in the Jazz Band include: saxophones, trumpets, trombones, piano, trap set, electric bass, and jazz guitar. Students shall be allowed to learn a “secondary” instrument for Jazz Band. The secondary instrument shall be furnished by the Monroney Band, but students are responsible for any damages or repairs, as well as the \$50 sanitation fee.

The Jazz Band shall perform at the following events: Christmas concert (12/5), Heartland Music Fest (4/18), spring concert (5/5), and at possibly one other competition during the spring semester. Scholastic eligibility is required for all Jazz Band competitions. Additional early morning rehearsals may be required before major competitions or performances. In September, students interested in Jazz Band will bring home a Jazz Band Contract to be signed by students and parents. The contract is a commitment by the students to extra practice time and to maintain a passing grade in all classes. There will be no auditions for Jazz Band. Students who have passed all their classes for the 1st 9 Weeks will be eligible to participate in the Jazz Band.

The Jazz Band does require additional practice time by the student in addition to 8th Grade Band requirements. Students must be passing the 8th Grade Band class in order to participate in Jazz Band or they shall be removed from the Jazz Band. Students who have failed to finish their passoffs for the 1st 9 weeks of 8th Grade Band will not be considered for the Jazz Band. Students must remain eligible in their academic courses. If a student misses rehearsals and/or performances due to failing grades, ISR, suspension or remediation, they shall be removed from the Jazz Band.

Chair order shall be determined by the Jazz passoff requirements. The students shall be given a passoff list during the first week of each nine week period starting with the 2nd 9 Weeks. The students are required to play each passoff exercise perfectly. Students shall be allowed to passoff before school or during Jazz Band rehearsals, as well as turn in recordings before school. There is no grading system for Jazz Band. However, students will be required to finish all Jazz passoffs as well as the 8th Grade passoff list each 9 weeks in order to participate in the Jazz Band.