

Anchor Bay School District

Middle School JAZZ BAND

High School Jazz LAB



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Remind Info:

- HS Jazz LAB: Text (@abhslab25) to the number (81010)
- MS Jazz Band: Text (@abmsjazz25) to (81010)

MS Jazz Band and Jazz LAB

MS Jazz Band & Jazz LAB Overview

Purpose:

The MS Jazz Band offers 7th & 8th graders experience performing various jazz styles—swing, ballads, funk, rock—and introduces improvisation.

The High School Jazz LAB Band gives student an opportunity to perform various styles at an intermediate level. The primary goal of the Jazz LAB is to prepare students to perform in the High School JAZZ ENSEMBLE.

Both Ensembles are meant to be fun, non-competitive, and educational.

Student Expectations

- Commitment is key: Jazz Band is fun but requires effort.
- Respect the ensemble: attend rehearsals, practice, and avoid disruptions.
- Attendance is essential. If absent, have a parent email Mr. Fenton at dfenton@abs.misd.net. If a student misses too many rehearsals for any reason, Mr. Fenton may ask the student to not play at the next concert cycle.
- Practice regularly, especially scales (band & jazz).
- If the commitment becomes too much, notify Mr. Fenton and try to find a replacement. Student do not have to perform at all concerts.

Concerts

At least 3 performances:

- Middle School Winter Concert After-glow
- Anchor Bay Jazz Concert
- Elementary Jazz Assembly

Details will follow once the band is formed.

Instrument-Specific Notes

Drummers: Rotate between drum set, vibraphone, and auxiliary percussion. Practice on school equipment if needed. Arrive early to help set up/tear down. Let Mr. Fenton know if you're struggling with parts.

Guitarists (Electric & Bass):

Songs will be assigned if there are multiple players. Use school instruments respectfully. Please bring your own instrument with an amp and cords if you own one.

2025-2026 MS Jazz Band Rehearsal and Concert Schedule

Day	Date	Rehearsal Or Concert	Other info
Tuesday	Oct - 21	Parent Meeting	In MS South Band Room
Tuesday	Oct - 28	Rehearsal	
Thursday	Oct - 30	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Nov - 11	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Nov - 18	Rehearsal	
Thursday	Dec - 4	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Dec - 9	Afterglow Concert	At MS South in Auditorium
Tuesday	Dec - 16	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Jan - 6	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Jan - 13	Jazz Concert with HS Jazz LAB	At ABHS
Tuesday	Jan - 27	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Feb - 3	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Feb - 10	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Feb - 24	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Mar - 3	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Mar - 10	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Mar - 17	Rehearsal/Possible Elementary Performance	
Tuesday	Mar - 24	Possible Elementary Performance	At MS South for 4 th Graders

DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF NEEDED

Middle School Jazz Band Rehearsals at from: **6:00pm to 7:30pm**

2025-2026 HS Jazz LAB Band Rehearsal and Concert Schedule

Day	Date	Rehearsal Or Concert	Other info
Tuesday	Oct - 21	Parent Meeting	In MS South Band Room
Tuesday	Oct - 28	Rehearsal	
Thursday	Oct - 30	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Nov - 11	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Nov - 18	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Dec - 2	Afterglow Concert	At ABHS after Concert
Tuesday	Dec - 16	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Jan - 6	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Jan - 13	Jazz Concert with HS Jazz LAB	At ABHS
Tuesday	Jan - 27	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Feb - 3	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Feb - 10	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Feb - 24	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Mar - 3	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Mar - 10	Rehearsal	
Tuesday	Mar - 17	Rehearsal/Possible Elementary Performance	
Tuesday	Mar - 24	Possible Elementary Performance	At MS South for 4 th Graders

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High School Jazz LAB Band Rehearsals are from: **4:00pm to 5:30pm**