

KHS JAZZ BAND SYLLABUS  
**KUNA**  
**bands** 

### MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the Kuna High School Music Program is to provide students with a well-balanced music education. Music Theory is another class which will enable students to develop as musicians.

Students will learn about responsibility, time-management, relationships, musical expression, discipline, dedication, music theory and gain skills relative to their instrument.

Students will be able to experience a variety of music and music ensembles. This education will help prepare students for postsecondary education opportunities and vocations related to music or otherwise.

*Please feel free to contact Mr. Krall at anytime at [skrall@kunaschools.org](mailto:skrall@kunaschools.org) . Thank you!*

### CLASS DESCRIPTION

The Kuna High School Band Program tailors music education to the needs of individuals and groups based on the Idaho State Music Content Standards.

BAND - JAZZ II  
Year (9-12)

Co-requisite: Brass, Woodwind and Percussion students must also be a part of Fall Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble or Percussion Class in order to participate in this class.

This is the standard jazz band performance ensemble at Kuna High School. This year-long class requires minimal rehearsal time and performances outside of school hours. Previous performance in band is preferred, though not required. Please see Mr. Krall if you are interested in playing GUITAR, BASS or PIANO.

BAND - JAZZ I  
Year (9-12)

Prerequisite: Director Approval

Co-requisite: Brass, Woodwind and Percussion students must also be a part of Concert Band, Wind Ensemble or Percussion Class in order to participate in this class.

This is the upper level jazz band performance ensemble at Kuna High School. This year-long class requires minimal rehearsal time and performances outside of school hours. It is open to students of any grade, though students must audition in order to be placed in this advanced ensemble.

### EVENTS

Kuna Jazz I and Jazz II will have several performances and events throughout the year (some of which may not currently be on this list, but will be updated on [www.kunabands.com](http://www.kunabands.com)). This includes performances at D3 Jazz Festival (December 1st and 2nd), Gene Harris Jazz Festival (April 1st and 2nd) and 5 concerts (October 29th, December 19th, February 27th, April 2nd and May 7th). Kuna Jazz I will generally have 1 or 2 community performances each month as well.

## **GRADING**

Grades for each class within the Kuna High School Music Program are based on achievement, homework, participation, attendance and classwork. Grades are based around a points system where more crucial aspects of the course receive more points. Late work is subject to lose half the value of the original assignment. Students with special needs will be assisted in every way possible.

## **KUNA HIGH SCHOOL/TARDY POLICY**

The Kuna High School Band Program fully supports KHS policies as per the 2019-20 Student Handbook.

A student is marked tardy if they are not physically in the classroom when the tardy bell rings. A student is marked tardy for the first twenty minutes of the class period. After twenty minutes students are marked absent. Tardy consequences are as follows:

- Students are to come in quietly without disruption and get to work.
- When a student reaches their sixth tardy they will be assigned mandatory intervention to make up lost seat time. Failure to attend results in an automatic referral to the office where the student will receive consequences from their Dean of Students
- Extra time will NOT be given for bell-ringers, tests, quizzes or classwork missed due to unexcused tardies.

## **INSTRUMENT USAGE**

Kuna High School is fortunate to have instruments for students to use. Students are encouraged to purchase their own instruments. Students interested in using school instruments for the duration of the school year are encouraged to contribute to the upkeep of the instrument by way of a yearly fee of 40 dollars paid to the high school office or by taking the instrument to a music store for cleaning and repair themselves. These funds will offset SOME of the costs associated with the upkeep and cleaning of instruments.

## **PRIVATE LESSONS**

Individual private music lessons are not required in order to participate in the Kuna High School Band Program, though it is STRONGLY encouraged. Private lessons will help students gain the skills and knowledge in order to be even more successful in the program. Consult [www.kunabands.com](http://www.kunabands.com) for a list and more information on private lessons.

## **STUDENT CONDUCT**

The Kuna High School Band Program has a tradition and reputation of being respectful, classy and professional. The more that members of the Kuna High School Band Program act professionally, the more this program will continue to achieve and grow.

As members of the Kuna High School Band Program, students are required to maintain appropriate conduct during class, rehearsals and at other events. Cell phones are to be kept out of sight during rehearsals. Students constantly represent Kuna High School, their peers and staff members. This provides a great opportunity to show others the outstanding nature of the Kuna High School Band Program.

Student conduct that is detrimental to the program will be addressed by the director and could lead to dismissal from the program. This can include, but is not limited to: breaking school rules, bullying, harassment, horseplay, language and excessive displays of affection. While traveling, students are financially and legally responsible for any and all damages that occur to hotel rooms, facilities, equipment, etc.,. Students engaged in activities detrimental to the program are immediately removed from the Kuna High School Band Program. If such activity occurs on a trip, the student will be sent home at their own expense and will no longer be the responsibility of the Kuna High School Band Program.

**DISCLOSURE**

Please fill out and return the following form:

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read the 2019-20 Kuna High School Jazz Band Syllabus and understand and agree with the content therein. If I have questions, I know I can ask Mr. Krall, send him an email at [skrall@kunaschools.org](mailto:skrall@kunaschools.org) or check other information available online at [www.kunabands.com](http://www.kunabands.com).

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

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Primary Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Secondary Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Student T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this portion of the syllabus to Mr. Krall ASAP.