



So...We're going to a jazz festival?

Here's what you need to know:

How do I get there?

Students/Parents provide their own transportation to and from all jazz festivals, with the exception of the Jazz Festival Trips to Las Vegas or Folsom for Jazz 1 and 2, in which we travel by coach bus.

Do we meet at the band room first, on the day of the performance?

No. You'll need to take everything that you need for the performance from the band room on Friday afternoon. This includes: Music, Mutes, Sticks, Cymbals, Your Instrument. *Make a list on Wednesday before the festival and check it Friday at lunch and just before you drive away that day. It's a good idea to check one more time before you leave your house on Saturday morning.*

What does a typical festival day look like?

- Students will meet as a group at the check-in area for the festival 15 minutes before warm-up time.
- We then have a 30 minute warm-up, 30 minute performance, 30 minute clinic.
- At the end of our clinic students are expected, but not required to stay and listen to other groups.
- Food is available for sale at all festival sites.
- Awards are around lunchtime if your group played in the morning and in the evening (around 5-6pm) if you played after lunch.

What do I wear?

*Guys in all 3 groups wear black suits with black shoes. *No hats or sunglasses while playing.* Tie design and sock choice is yours, but should be professional.

Jazz 1: Black shirt, red-based tie (where red is the most dominant color)

Jazz 2: White shirt, red-based tie

Jazz 3: White shirt, black tie

*Ladies in all ensembles are welcome to wear black dresses or skirts or black pants. Shoes (heels or flats) should be black or red.

Jazz 1: Black blouse (predominantly)

Jazz 2 & 3: White blouse

**NO DINKLES FOR ANYONE, PLEASE*

I forgot my music. Do you have an extra copy?

No. Your music is your responsibility, just like having a fully functioning instrument and reeds.

Do parents need to pay to come in and watch?

Yes. Tickets are sold at the festival site and are usually around \$5. Warm-up is closed to parents.

Where are the jazz festivals?

Western States- Upland High School,

Irvine Jazz Festival- Irvine High School,

Fullerton Jazz Festival- Fullerton JC not CSUF,

Reno Jazz Festival- University of Nevada, Reno

What about the Aztec Jazz Festival?

Our groups do not play on this event, but are required to volunteer for the day.

My student plays bass or drums: how does that work?

- Whichever bass player and drummer perform first on a festival day are responsible for taking the bass (and amp) and cymbals (including hi-hat clutch) from school on Friday afternoon and bringing them to the festival Saturday morning.
- The drummers and bass players will coordinate the hand off of equipment throughout the day.
- Whoever plays last takes it home and brings those materials to school on Monday morning.