Winter Park High School

2026 – 2027 Jazz Ensemble I Auditions

5/4/26 – 5/7/26

During Jazz Classes and After School

Audition Requirements

Saxophone:

- Chromatic Scale (comfortable range, in triplets or sixteenths)
- Required playing of melody and one chorus of improvisation on "Straight No Chaser" in the key of Bb.

Trumpet:

- Chromatic Scale (comfortable range, in triplets or sixteenths)
- Required playing of melody and one chorus of improvisation on "Straight No Chaser" in the key of Bb.

Trombone:

- Chromatic Scale (comfortable range, in triplets or sixteenths)
- Required playing of melody and one chorus of improvisation on "Straight No Chaser" in the key of Bb.

Piano, Guitar, and Bass:

- Required playing of melody, one chorus of comping, and one chorus of improvisation on "Straight No Chaser" in the key of Bb.

Drums:

- Demonstration of Style
  - Swing – 24 bars in common time, slow and fast (think 2 choruses of a blues)
  - Jazz Samba – 16 bars in common time, medium tempo
  - Rock – 16 bars in common time, medium tempo
- Twice through the standard "Straight No Chaser" in the key of Bb with backing track.

Suggestions:

- **Start preparing now**.
- Stylize the melody of "Straight No Chaser" in the key of Bb to your liking. Be creative!
- Plan ahead for your improvisation. Arpeggiate and really dig into the chord changes.
- **Ask for help** and/or prepare with other people.