

EDISON MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND 1 CONTRACT

Jazz Band 1 requires a great deal of hard work and dedication. If we all work together, the rewards will be well worth the efforts.

- Jazz 1 members have also received some of the music we will play this year. Band members are committing to practice the music and be ready to perform these pieces when rehearsals begin in August.
- Because there are substantial costs associated with Edison's Jazz Program, each Jazz Band member is being asked to pay a Jazz Band fee of \$50. Please include your payment (cash or check made payable to "Edison Band Patrons") with your signed contract.
- Jazz Band 1 rehearsals will begin in early August with exact date and times to be set later. Regular jazz band rehearsals will begin when school starts and will run from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. The usual schedule for August and the school year is:

Monday – Full Band
Tuesday – Sax Sectional
Wednesday – Brass Sectional
Thursday – Rhythm Sectional
Friday – Full Band

- It is anticipated that the band will have 20-25 performances during the year, beginning in early December and continuing through mid-June. Students are required to participate in all performances. Many of these performances will be on Saturday or Sunday. Some performances may be out of town. Band members are expected to pay their costs for lodging, transportation, and meals resulting from these out-of-town performances.
- Jazz Band 1 members wear 7th and 8th grade concert attire for about half of their performances and black, long-sleeve, polo shirts with the "JAZZ" logo for their performances that will be purchased at the student's expense. Orders for the polo shirts will be taken in September during the first week of rehearsals.
- If students are involved in sports or other extra-curricular activities, **they must be sure that these activities will not interfere with Jazz 1 rehearsals or performances.** Students are expected to be at rehearsals for the scheduled time, except when they have an excused absence.
- **Students are allowed two unexcused absences from rehearsals and no unexcused absences from performances during the school year. Excused and unexcused absences are defined in the Edison Student Handbook.**
- **A student may be dismissed from Jazz 1 for more than two unexcused absences from rehearsals or any unexcused absence from a performance. A student may also be dismissed for improper behavior.**

We have read and understand the above Jazz 1 expectations and agree to abide by them.

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature