

**2018-2019 Auditions for the
Vista Murrieta High School Jazz Ensembles
Grades 8, 9, 10, & 11**

Auditions: Auditions will take place the morning of May 5th and the evening of May 15th. Returning students can also sign up to audition during their jazz ensemble class period on May 14th and 15th. Sign up for specific times at the Parent Information Meeting. Auditions are five minutes long.

Audition Information

Wind players, Guitars, Pianists and mallet players should be prepared to play the following:

1. Major scales (Total points awarded will be based on how many scales are played correctly within one minute – see rubric)
2. A jazz transcription of your choice or an excerpt from a jazz band chart (Not to exceed 1 minute)
3. Solo improvisation to the blues in F or Bb concert (Optional for new players, required for entry into Jazz 1). Rhythm section players should be able to “comp” or play a walking bass line to the chord changes of the blues in F or Bb.
4. Sight-read
5. Demonstrate proficiency on a double if trying out for a Jazz I woodwind spot

Percussion

1. Percussionists should be prepared to play swing time at quarter = 60, 120, & 240, Bossa Nova at 120, Samba at 240 and Rock at 120.
2. A jazz tune of your choice or an excerpt from a jazz band chart (from a jazz band class or a Real Book, etc.)
3. Sightread

All audition results will appear on www.vmhsband.com.

Name: _____ Instrument(s) _____

Scales: # correct in 1 minute

1-3	4-5	6-8	9-10	11-12
1	2	3	4	5

Prepared Piece:

Tone:	1	2	3	4	5
Articulation:	1	2	3	4	5
Interpretation:	1	2	3	4	5
Pitch:	1	2	3	4	5
Time/Rhythmic Acc.:	1	2	3	4	5

Improvisation:

Needs Improvement	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(functional ideas/concept)	(pay once, not twice)	(I'd buy your album)
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Sight Reading

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