

# Highland 2022/2023 Jazz Band Auditions

## Alto Saxophone

### General Information

There are two jazz bands at Highland Middle School. These ensembles, Jazz 1 and Jazz 2, use “traditional” jazz band instruments (saxophones, trumpets, trombones, guitar, piano, bass, and drums). An audition is required in order to be considered for Jazz 1 and Jazz 2, but does not guarantee placement. Exact dates for the auditions and extra-help sessions will be posted outside the band room at the beginning of the year. They will also be available on the jazz audition website (<https://bit.ly/HighlandJazz>).

Every seat in each jazz band is open at the start of the school year. Placement in either jazz band as a 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grader does not guarantee placement in that same band or a higher band the following year.

### Directions for the Music

Attached to this note is the audition material for next year’s jazz auditions. Included are portions of songs that Jazz 1 will be performing. Do not worry if some of it seems difficult. The audition material must challenge students from grades 6 through 8. The first selection is a swing tune called, “Blues of a Different Color.” Play this selection in a swing style (uneven eighth notes and hard accents). The second selection is a Latin tune called, “No Hablo Espanol.” Play this selection with straight eighth notes and hard accents. Metronome markings are indicated for each selection. If these are too fast for you it is O.K. to audition at a slower tempo, but students performing well at the correct speed will score higher than students playing well at a slower speed.

### Listening to the Music

Recordings of this music are available online - See the jazz audition website (<https://bit.ly/HighlandJazz>) for the link.

# Highland Jazz Auditions September 2022

## Alto Saxophone

There are two songs for this jazz audition.

### #1 "Blues of a Different Color" -- Beach/Shutack

#### Special Note:

You only need to play the first 19 measures of this song in order to audition. Those students who play the entire song well will score higher than those students who only play the first 19 measures.

Swing ♩ = 120

*f*

5

*mf*

10

16

20

*mp*

25

30

*mf*

35

*f*

# Highland Jazz Auditions September 2022

## Alto Saxophone

There are two songs for this jazz audition.

### #2 "No Hablo Espanol" - Kris Berg

#### Special Note:

You only need to play the first 4 lines of this song in order to audition. Those students who play the entire song well will score higher than those students who only play the first four lines.

Latin ♩ = 146

The musical score is written for Alto Saxophone in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes, some with accents and slurs. The dynamic marking *mf* is placed below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar rhythmic patterns and accents. The third staff repeats the initial melodic phrase. The fourth staff continues the melody with more complex rhythmic figures. A dashed line separates the fourth staff from the fifth. The fifth staff begins with a measure rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes, some with accents and slurs. The dynamic marking *f* is placed below the staff. The sixth staff continues the melody with similar rhythmic patterns and accents. The score ends with a double bar line.