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# Jazz Academy

Located at Wellington Secondary School.

**The NLPS Jazz Academy at Wellington will provide the opportunity to achieve excellence in an intensive music education program in a supportive instrumental and vocal Jazz setting.**

Through performance, theory, musical recording and management, students will participate in clinics/workshops with master musicians from Canada and the US. Jazz students will gain practical musical experiences by performing in the community, competing regionally, nationally and internationally, and developing skills which can be applied to further musical training or employment.

## Grade 8

Introduction to Jazz. Students have a regular linear academic course schedule, with the addition of Jazz & Concert Band and Grade 8 Jazz combo.

Students will perform and compete locally, regionally and provincially.

## Grades 9-12

In Jazz Academy students enroll in Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, 12 and most will enroll in Jazz Studies 10, 11 & 12, which includes music composition and technology.

In Grades 9 and 10, courses are offered in a linear model, backed with an additional linear course such as PE, and students will participate in extra-curricular Jazz combos and perform/compete locally and provincially.

In Grades 11 and 12, courses are offered each semester, with the addition of extra-curricular Jazz combos (smaller group setting) and performances/competitions within the community, province and outside of BC.

Students will be expected to attend morning practices in the semester that they are not enrolled in Jazz course work.

## Fundraising expectations

- ▶ Fundraising required
- ▶ Fundraising will occur throughout the year to help offset travel costs and festival/competition registration costs. Fundraising opportunities are planned in advance.

## Fees and breakdown

- ▶ There is no application or registration fee for the NLPS Jazz Academy
- ▶ There will be costs associated with travel for festivals and competitions.
- ▶ Students who require instrument rental will incur additional rental fees which will vary by instrument.
- ▶ \$30 (approximately) for clinician workshops throughout the school year

## [Academy Performer Statement Form](#)

## Vancouver Island University (VIU) Offering

Students with excellent grades in secondary-level Music courses, particularly Music Theory courses that are offered as a component of specialized Jazz Academy programs may challenge 1st-year level Music courses offered at VIU through a process called Prior Learning Assessment (PLA).

**Please Note:** Transportation to and from the Academy is the responsibility of the Parent/Guardian.

Applications must be completed and received by Central Registration by March 1/2020. Applications that are not fully completed will not be considered for entrance to the program.