



Forest HS Jazz Auditions

Hello,

We are very excited that you are considering the Jazz Ensemble at Forest HS. You will find a packet of wind and brass auditions parts for the upcoming school year attached to the paper. Choose the part that fits your instrument (Eb for Alto and Bari sax, Bb for Tenor sax and trumpet, Bass Clef for trombone and String Bass, Treble Clef for Guitar, Piano, and Vibraphone). If you are planning to audition on Drumset, please contact me for separate information. The piece, *I'm Beginning to See the Light*, should be played in a swing style and performed from beginning to end one time through. If improvising, improv should be done on a second time through of the A section after completing a full play through of the written piece. Improv is not required for the audition but is encouraged and does add to your overall score.

Incoming 8th graders are encouraged to ask their directors for help with this audition. Current FHS Students are encouraged to work with current Jazz Students. A backing track will be used for this audition and can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0RMU0r500Cw> and on our Band Website under Member Resources.

An Audition Night is scheduled for Thursday May 7th. Please contact me to schedule your audition time for that evening. I can be reached by email at david.jones2@marion.k12.fl.us or by phone at 352-671-4707.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We look forward to seeing you on May 7th.

Regards,

David Jones
Band Director
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