

# An Overview for Eckstein Senior Jazz Band “I”

Here’s a look at an average year-in-the-life for a **Senior Jazz Band** student at Eckstein Middle School. Please note: your child will need to increase their level of practicing, playing time and commit to events while performing music at the highest level. Not only will they play at performances and travel to festivals, there will also be associated costs. Families will be asked to support their student’s activities through positive reinforcement, volunteering, fundraising, and by paying for travel, food and overnight costs.

As a member of the premier jazz band at Eckstein, your student may miss school work and tests to attend performances, they will need to make these up and keep their school work current and in good standing. Your child will also be a role model to other students in the program and must possess exemplary behavior.

All band families and parents are highly encouraged to participate in bake sales, fundraising and volunteering to help make the year a success for their students. Throughout the year, parents may be asked to carpool to local events and additional gigs that come up. Some of these gigs will require admittance fees for family members. **For more info on getting involved, please visit:** <http://eckstein-band.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/>

## **Sample Calendar of Events and Estimated Costs**

- **Annual Senior Jazz Events**
- **August practice camp:** Mon. – Fri., Aug. 20- 24 at 10 am – 3 pm No Cost
- **Edmonds Jazz Symposium:** Saturday, late-Oct. (carpool) No Cost
- **Mill Creek Jazz Festival:** Saturday, mid-Nov. (carpool) No Cost
- **St Stephen’s Swing dance:** Saturday, evening mid-Nov. (carpool) No Cost
- **Eckstein Jazz Night:** Mid-Nov. No Cost
- **UW MLK:** University of Washington No Cost
- **BCC Jazz Fest:** early Feb. (dinner extra)
- **Hot Java Cool Jazz:** Combo plays early Feb. (carpool) No Cost
- **Lionel Hampton Jazz Fest:** 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend Feb. (2 nights bus travel) **\$230-260**
- **SSD Middle School Jazz Night:** mid-March No Cost
- **Reno Jazz Festival:** last weekend Apr. (3 nights and plane travel) **\$550-650**
- **Bellevue HS Jazz Fest:** first Friday in May (lunch/dinner extra)
- **Folklife Festival:** last Friday in May (lunch extra)
- **Eckstein Swing Dance:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in June No Cost

## **Total Annual Estimated Costs for Senior Jazz Families**

- **\*Enrichment Fee to Eckstein Band:** **\$50**
- **Concert attire:** **\$ Varies**
- **Reno and Lionel Hampton festivals:** (chaperones are extra) **\$750-900**
- **Bus transportation to local events:** (some carpools as well) **\$20**

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## Optional Events and Fundraising

- **\*\*Donations to Supplement Instruments:** TBD
- **Solo & Ensemble:** per slot + payment to accompanist (if needed) **\$20**
- **Raffle basket, baked goods and other donations:** TBD
- **Teacher gift donation:** TBD

\* Annual Enrichment Fees may be paid by check to the Eckstein Band account. \*\* Donations above the \$50 fee should be made payable to "AFE – Account #13415 Eckstein Middle School Band."  
Scholarships are available by speaking with Mr. E.