

# An Overview for Eckstein Vocal Jazz “K”

Here’s a look at an average year-in-the-life for a **Vocal Jazz** student at Eckstein Middle School. Please note: your child will need to increase their level of practicing, singing time and commit to events while performing music at the highest level. Not only will they sing 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 vocal ensemble 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 Vocal Jazz 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 Vocal Jazz Events

- **Edmonds Jazz Symposium:** Saturday, late-Oct. (carpool) no cost
- **SSDS High Middle School/High School Choral Festival** Mid-Nov. no cost (bring lunch)
- **Eckstein Jazz Night:** Mid-Nov. no cost
- **Bellevue Vocal Jazz Fest:** late Jan. (bring lunch)
- **Vocal Jazz/Combo Concert:** late Jan.
- **Lionel Hampton Jazz Fest:** 3rd weekend Feb. (2 nights bus travel) **\$ 230 - 260**
- **Solo & Ensemble Adjudication:** 3rd Saturday in March at Eckstein (voluntary)
- **All Bands Concert:** Mid Apr. no cost
- **Reno Jazz Festival:** last weekend Apr. (3 nights and plane travel) **\$ 550 - 650**
- **Eckstein Musical:** April – May (voluntary by audition)
- **Folklife Festival:** last Friday in May (lunch extra)
- **Eckstein Swing Dance:** 2nd Friday in June no cost

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## Total Annual Estimated Costs for Vocal 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

## Optional Events and Fundraising

- **\*\*Donations to Supplement Program:** 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.