

# An Overview for Eckstein Junior Jazz Band “G”

Here’s a look at an average year-in-the-life for a **Junior Jazz Band** student at Eckstein Middle School.

Students who want exposure to jazz music have the opportunity to play in the after-school OST Junior Jazz Band program. (Note: all band students may play in this group). This group meets twice a week on Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4:15 in the main Band Room. They add to their musical knowledge and experience by playing a variety of jazz music selections. As the year progresses, students are encouraged, but not required, to play solo or improvise pieces during class. After a year of Junior Jazz Band, many are ready for the next step up to Intermediate Jazz Band or, depending on experience, attitude and skill, possibly Senior Jazz Band.

Junior Jazz Band musicians are expected to practice their jazz scales and jazz music selections at home.

Junior Jazz Band plays in three evening jazz events during the year – the Jazz Night, the Seattle School District Middle School Jazz Festival, and the Swing Dance. All of these jazz events are held in the auditorium at Eckstein Middle School in the evening on a school night. There are no fees or travel costs associated with these concerts other than the required band attire for all musicians. There may be additional gigs throughout the year.

Families are encouraged to become involved in the Eckstein band program by supporting their student’s activities through positive reinforcement, volunteering for band activities, and helping with fundraising activities as their schedules allow.

For more information on being involved, appropriate band attire, the band event schedule, volunteering opportunities and fundraising activities, please visit:

<http://eckstein-band.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/>

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

### **Annual Junior Jazz Band Events**

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| • <b>Eckstein Jazz Night:</b> Mid-Nov.              | No Cost     |
| • <b>SSD Middle School Jazz Night:</b> mid-March    | No Cost     |
| • <b>Bellevue HS Jazz Fest:</b> first Friday in May | Lunch Extra |
| • <b>Eckstein Swing Dance:</b> First Friday in June | No Cost     |

### **Total Annual Estimated Costs for Junior Jazz Band Families\*\*\***

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| • <b>*Enrichment Fee to Eckstein Band:</b>                           | <b>\$50</b>      |
| • <b>Concert attire:</b>   | <b>\$ Varies</b> |
| • <b>Bus transportation to local events:</b> (some carpools as well) | <b>\$10</b>      |

### **Optional Events and Fundraising \*\*\***

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| • <b>**Donations to Supplement Instruments:</b>                             | TBD         |
| • <b>Solo &amp; Ensemble:</b> per slot + payment to accompanist (if needed) | <b>\$20</b> |
| • <b>Raffle basket, baked goods and other donations:</b>                    | TBD         |
| • <b>Teacher gift donation:</b>   | 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.” \*\*\* Only paid in Junior Jazz if the student is not attending a regular band curriculum class during the day. Scholarships are available by speaking with Mr. E.