

*BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL JAZZ
2019-2020 AUDITION INFORMATION
READ IT ALL!!*

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for the 2019-2020 Ballard High School Vocal Jazz. **Auditions will be held on Tuesday, June 18th from 3:45-6:00 pm in the Black Box.** Although it is possible you will be done early, please plan to stay for the entire time. There will be three components to the audition:

1. You will come prepared to learn a short excerpt from a vocal jazz chart. It will be taught to you by current Vocal Jazz members in about 20 minutes. After you learn the part, I will hear you in a quartet to assess how well you can hold your part in jazz harmonies. **ALL SOPRANOS AND ALTOS WILL LEARN THE ALTO PART!**

2. You will prepare a jazz standard solo. Please see me for suggestions. I would suggest that you choose a solo with a recorded accompaniment. I have many books that have CD recordings included. See me for help finding a song. If your song does not have a recorded accompaniment, please find someone to accompany you on piano or find an MP3 back-up track. YouTube can also be a good option (karaoke track). Use YouTube and i-Tunes to listen to numerous recordings of your piece. Copy and steal any techniques or performance practices that you like! Make it swing, and make it your own.

3. You will also do a short 12-bar scat solo. I will play a backup track and you will scat over it. You can prepare by listening to both singers and instrumentalists improvise on recordings, learning about the 12-bar Blues, and using your ear!

4. Sign and have your parent sign the Audition Contract on the back of this form. Bring it with you to your audition.

Do your best to prepare, and have fun! See you on the 18th.

Ms. Rowley

AUDITION INFORMATION FORM
VOCAL JAZZ
2019–2020

Name: _____

Grade next year: _____

Voice Part: (Circle One) Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

(If you're not sure, let me know)

E-mail address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Instruments you play (if any): _____

Singing / Performance experience: _____

Potential Conflicts: _____

Do not write below this line!



Group Competency

Solo Competency

Pitch (holding part): 1 2 3

Pitch (in tune): 1 2 3

Tone: 1 2 3

Tone: 1 2 3

Volume: 1 2 3

Volume: 1 2 3

Musicianship: 1 2 3

Musicianship: 1 2 3

Swing: 1 2 3

Swing: 1 2 3

Blend: 1 2 3

Improvisation Competency

Character

Pitches/Ear: 1 2 3

Work Ethic: 1 2 3 4 5

Syllables: 1 2 3

Attitude: 1 2 3 4 5

Rhythm: 1 2 3

Swing: 1 2 3

Total Score and Comments

***BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL JAZZ
AUDITION CONTRACT***

BHS Vocal Jazz consists of mainly Junior and Senior students who, through audition, demonstrate the needed skills required for this group. Sophomores are encouraged to try-out also! There have been many that have made the group. Students must also be enrolled in Advanced Chorale, Concert Choir, or another performance-based music class during the day. Vocal Jazz will study and perform many different styles of jazz including swing, blues, ballads, be-bop, Latin and improvisation. The group is performance oriented and will have many concerts, contests, and community performances throughout the year. The performances will include morning, afternoon, evening and weekend time commitments. If you are selected for this group, your commitment is required for the entire year. We will rehearse Monday evenings from 6:00-8:00PM and Wednesday and Thursday mornings before school, from 7:45-8:40AM. Students who do not maintain a sound knowledge of their music and excellent attendance at rehearsals and performances will be asked to leave the group!

Final lists for the group will be posted tomorrow after school on my office door. Good luck with your audition!

If selected for BHS Vocal Jazz, I understand the **high level of commitment** that is expected of me as a member of this group. I understand the **rehearsal and performance requirements** this group demands. I also understand that as a member, I will need to be responsible for the knowledge of my music in a timely manner and will be expected to be at all performances throughout the year.

student name printed

student signature

date

current GPA

parent signature

date