

QUALICUM MUSIC ACADEMY

Jazz Studies Program

Who Can Apply?

The Jazz Academy is open to all Grade 9 – 12 high school students who have the desire and the motivation to pursue jazz music in an in-depth manner.

When Do I Apply?

In order to ensure the full availability of all experiences, students should submit an application form during the regular course selection period in the spring.

Where Do I Apply?

Applications are available online at the Kwalikum Secondary School Website, or in the school office.

Where Are Classes Held?

Jazz master classes are held once a week outside regular class hours. Instrumental and Vocal Jazz Combo groups will also rehearse outside of the regular school timetable. These take place at the Kwalikum Secondary School band room in [Qualicum Beach, B.C.](#), a beautiful and quiet active arts town by the sea about 150 kilometers north of Victoria and just a ferry away from Vancouver. Qualicum is home to some of the world's premiere jazz musicians.

Academy Vision

The Qualicum Music Academy was inspired by the need to develop and nurture our wealth of young musical talents. Qualicum Beach is well known in the national/international music scene as a place that has been the home of acclaimed jazz musicians such as [Phil Dwyer](#), [Pat Collins](#), Johannes Wallmann, and [Jon Challoner](#). Inspired by their music, our local high school students have gained a reputation for excellence in the regional, national the international scenes winning numerous top awards and scholarships. Our vision is to provide our students with unique opportunities, with quality, comprehensive music instruction in a supportive and well-structured setting where they can learn the craft of music to achieve success and realize their greatest potential.

Benefits to Student Musician

The Qualicum Music Academy's intensive music program provides high school students the opportunity to benefit directly from specialized music instruction and guidance. All students will have the opportunity to play in large and small ensembles with highly motivated peers who have the same commitment to academic and musical success. Each student will receive comprehensive, professional instruction from qualified instructors and clinicians in a nurturing environment that is committed to excellence. Through their Involvement in the Academy program, students will greatly enhance their skill and knowledge in the music field and will have the chance to participate in opportunities at the highest possible level during their grade 9-12 school years.

Benefits to Parents

The program provides local families with an opportunity to access a comprehensive program designed to meet the musical and academic needs of their children

The Curriculum

All courses are focused on the development and enhancement of individual and groups skills as well as requisite skills for jazz improvisation and performance. Courses receive full credits. The main courses are **Jazz Band**, **Jazz Studies**, and **Music Composition/Technology**. These courses are available to students entering Grades 9 – 12.

Jazz Band offers students basic jazz theory, jazz ensemble performance skills, introduction to jazz styles, articulations, jazz ear training and jazz improvisation. Students will also learn basic jazz history and jazz listening skills.

Jazz Studies and **Music Composition/Technology** together introduce students to the study of jazz improvisation in a jazz combo setting, advance jazz theory, advance ear training, jazz composition and arrangement, concert and promotion management skills, computer music technology and audio recording skills. (To participate in the **Jazz Studies** course, students must also enroll in a **Jazz Band**).