

Jazz Academy

Wellington Secondary School

Open to Canadian and International students, grade 10, 11 and 12 who wish to pursue jazz music in an in-depth manner.

Our Vision



Nanaimo is well known as a breeding place for many great jazz musicians - **Diana Krall, Ingrid Jensen and Christine Jensen**. Inspired by their music, local high school students have become increasingly dominant in the international scene winning top awards and scholarships.

Our vision is to provide our youth with a supportive and well-structured setting where they can prepare and ultimately achieve their greatest potential in a high school setting

- The Jazz Academy Program offers the unique opportunity to align academic and musical goals within an integrated and supportive environment
- The Jazz Academy Program provides two main Courses: **Jazz Band** and **Jazz Studies**.
- The Jazz Academy Program offers students the opportunity to develop basic skills for jazz improvisation and music performance, with a commitment to excellence. The program is designed to develop the individual and group skills of the participants.



For further information please visit our web site at www.ise.sd68.bc.ca (choose High School Program from menu, choose Wellington) or contact:



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WELLINGTON JAZZ ACADEMY

The Wellington Secondary School Band Program in Nanaimo, B.C. is one of the most prolific and highly successful publicly-funded high school music programs in British Columbia.

Students from the Jazz Academy are award-winning soloists and ensembles in provincial, national and international events and are recipients of various academic scholarships and bursaries

THE CURRICULUM

The Jazz Academy offers:

- an integrated high-performance music program in a high school setting.
- development and enhancement of individual and group skills
- skills for jazz improvisation and performance.
- Clinics and individual instruction with renowned Canadian and international jazz musicians and instructors
- Opportunity to travel to Canadian jazz festivals and the internationally recognized Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho.
- Two Courses that receive full credits. **Jazz Band** and **Jazz Studies**:
 - These courses are available to students entering Grades 10, 11 and 12.
 - **Jazz Band**: basic jazz theory, jazz ensemble performance skills, introduction to jazz styles, articulations, jazz ear training and jazz improvisation; basic jazz history and jazz listening skills.
 - **Jazz Studies**: introduces the study of jazz improvisation in a jazz combo setting, advanced jazz theory, advanced 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 **Jazz Band**).