

**Course Name:** Choir – Jazz Choir

**Duration:**  1 Semester  Full Year

**Grade Level:**  9th  10th  11th  12th (check all that apply)

### Are there any prerequisites for the course?

Audition held with teacher prior to entrance into course; must be co-enrolled in another music ensemble at LC.

### WHAT this course is about:

LC's Jazz Choir performs a wide array of popular musical styles (jazz, blues, pop, R&B, etc.). This ensemble uses a sound system, microphones, monitors, and a rhythm section. We perform both a cappella music and accompanied music,

### WHY take this course:

Students who desire to learn more about popular styles of music, all while building on their previous music knowledge, will find that this is the course for them. This course travels to festivals and competitions around the region, which gives students a chance to take masterclasses from professional jazz musicians.

### WHAT you'll learn:

- How to perform in various musical stylings
- How to run a sound system
- How to sing using a vocal microphone
- How to create a vocalize, known in the 'biz' as scatting
- How to perform a jazz solo
- How performing choral jazz differs from traditional choral music

### WHAT you'll do:

In Jazz Choir, you will be singing in small groups, as the size of the choir is always under 20 people. Students will perform solos, delve into the rich history of jazz music, and learn to work together towards the common goal of improving each and every day.

### WHERE this could take you:

Students in the Jazz Choir have gone on to study music at the collegiate level, recorded/released their music on popular sites (Spotify, iTunes, etc)