

Section Leader/Field Commander/Drum Major/Band Council Application

The purpose of the Section Leader application process is to identify the best available candidates in each section for the position of leader. The position of Section Leader is an important one in the Skyhawk Marching Band. This individual(s) is expected to assist the band staff in the teaching of music and drill, tuning, fundamental skills, and section discipline. Section leaders are expected to lead by word and example. Section leaders will strive to keep morale high in their section with positive feedback when appropriate, and will also dispense positive criticism when necessary. The Section Leaders are the backbone of the SMB chain of command. They work more closely with individual members and understand their needs more than any other officer. This application process will help identify those individuals.

Drum Majors Conduct the band during rehearsals and performances, coordinate with all other leadership positions and assist the director in any way needed.

Field Commanders work with their fellow Music Section Leaders/Captains/Drum Majors. Their responsibilities include ensuring that the members of the band know all of their basic marching techniques and drill. Field Commanders are responsible for making sure that all students are prepared for rehearsal with their coordinate charts and chalk. They also must be sure that students are literate in reading coordinate charts and executing drill.

Captains (Guard, Brass, Drumline, Woodwind) and Section Leaders are responsible for all aspects of rehearsal and performance within their instrument/equipment section of the marching band. They are responsible for regular tests of music for members of their section, in addition to making sure that all students are prepared for rehearsal with music, pencils, and instruments. Captains/Section Leaders are to give individual attention to each of the members of their section to ensure the greatest performance level for the group. They are responsible for ensuring an effective rehearsal and performance atmosphere. All captains/section leaders should work closely together to enhance the *Esprit de Corps* of the band.

The **President** is the chief student administrative officer within the band program. Duties include oversight of the student administrative staff, coordination of all social activities within the marching band, communicating the needs of the students to the Director of Bands, organizing pep band activities, and acting as an ambassador whenever needed.

The **Personnel Officers** are responsible for field markers, coordinating field and band room maintenance schedules, rehearsal space set-up and break-down, and notifying Ms. Oyan of any equipment repair issues. They are responsible for keeping attendance at every marching band rehearsal and event, which must be input daily.

The **Audio Manager** is responsible for maintenance, upkeep, set-up, tear down, and storage of all audio equipment used on the field for marching band rehearsals. They are to assist Ms. Oyan in selecting an audio crew, and schedule and train students to assist at all rehearsals. It is their job to notify Ms. Oyan of any broken equipment or repair issues.

The **Music Librarian** is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of all instructional supplies and music..

The **Historian** is responsible for maintaining and publishing the calendar of theme nights, announcements, birthdays, updating the Facebook page, and assisting the other administrative officers when needed. They are also responsible for soliciting prizes and fun activities from community sources. They are also in charge of putting together the senior slide show for the banquet at the end of the year.

The **Rookie Liaison** is responsible for maintaining band camp buddies, organizing students to run rehearsals (and coordinating with the music librarians for music), and overseeing 8th grade day.

The **Social Media Coordinator** is responsible for creating and maintaining the student Facebook page, posting timely updates, and reviewing acceptable practices with current members.

The **Spirit Officer** is responsible for maintaining and publishing the calendar of theme nights, announcements, The Spirit Officer is responsible for maintaining and publishing the calendar of theme nights, announcements, birthdays, updating the Facebook page, and assisting the other administrative officers when needed. They are also responsible for soliciting prizes and fun activities from community sources.

Instructions: Please fill out the following form. Please apply for more than one position, as the more you apply for the better chance you have of becoming Leadership! Please list the positions in order from first choice to last choice (ie. If drum major is your first choice, put that first, and then section leader second). Please respond in a separate document with your name and Leadership Application as the title (example: Emily Oyan Leadership Application)

Name _____ Current Grade _____

Position(s) applying for _____ Instrument _____

Years Marching _____ Years Concert _____

Previous Band Leadership Activities: _____

Other Leadership Activities (High School and Middle School) _____

Please answer the following questions in this document, then print and have your parent sign below before uploading your responses to me.

3. Why do you want to be in a leadership position next year? What leadership skills do you possess that you feel would be beneficial in a leadership position next year?
4. What have you done for the Skyhawk band program this year? Please give as many specific details as possible. Do not list your resume or class or title. I want to know what you did to help..
5. How will the SMB become better from you being in a leadership position?
6. Will you be in attendance for all of band camp and the summer pre-sessions? If no, please explain in further detail.
7. Can you attend the Leadership Training July 19th at Bird High School (9am to 1pm)?
8. Can you attend (at LCB's cost) Drum Major Camp at James Madison University July 6-10 if we are allowed to attend per CCPS? You must provide your own transportation to and from the event.
9. What will you do if you do not get, or I do not fill, the position you have applied for?
10. Other pertinent information you would like to tell.

Answers:

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Parent Signature

Date