



Normal West High School Marching Band

2017 Section Leader Application

Congratulations on your interest in becoming a section leader for the 2017 Normal West Marching Band! Please read the student leadership expectations and complete the following application. **Applications are due on Monday, April 3.** In addition to your application, please sign up for an interview time on April 5, 7, or 13.

If you are also planning to audition for Drum Major, you do not need to complete this application. Complete the Drum Major application instead.

Our goal is to choose a leadership team that best fits the needs of the 2017 Marching Band. This means that we may choose only one leader per section, or we may choose multiple leaders (one assigned to music, and one assigned to marching, for example). We may also choose to combine sections in a way that is best suited for their success.

Your responses on this application and in your interview will be evaluated as a part of the selection process. We will also take into account how you have previously exhibited leadership, musicianship, and other important qualities. As a section leader, you will be expected to meet or exceed the expectations below. Your signature at the end of the application indicates your willingness to do so as well as your understanding that section leaders may be replaced at the discretion of the directors should they not fulfill the expectations.

Section Leader Expectations

- ♪ I am a respected member and potential leader of my section.
- ♪ I am a competent musician and respected player in my section.
- ♪ I am a positive, active, and dedicated member of the Normal West Marching Band. My actions are exemplary.
- ♪ I am committed to playing, marching, and memorizing at a high level, so I am able to assist others in doing the same.
- ♪ I am a team player and will promote band unity through my attitude and attendance at band and leadership events.
- ♪ I understand that the playing, marching, and attendance expectations are higher for section leaders.
- ♪ I will arrive prior to the start of stretching and will be prepared to remain after rehearsals to help other band members, student leaders, drum majors, and the directors as needed.
- ♪ I am committed to leading my section toward performing at a high level and achieving the goals it sets for the season.
- ♪ I will schedule additional help/sectionals for individuals in my section or my entire section as needed.
- ♪ I will hold my section accountable for learning their music, marching, and drill.
- ♪ I will hold my section accountable for carrying the required materials (music and drill binder, pencil, etc.)
- ♪ I will support the band directors and the best interest of the Normal West Marching Band.
- ♪ I will attend all leadership meetings/trainings and all rehearsals (including those scheduled in June.)

On a separate piece of paper, please respond to the following:

1. Identify the characteristics and actions of an effective section leader.
2. List your musical accomplishments or qualifications; List your other volunteer/leadership experiences or qualifications.
3. Identify the personal strengths that you can contribute as a section leader candidate.
4. Identify any personal obstacles or areas of improvement you would need to overcome to be an effective section leader candidate.
5. Identify your section's strengths (both musically and visually).
6. List specific section goals for future improvement (both musically and visually). Include solutions for achieving those goals.
7. Identify another member(s) of **your** section that would make an effective section leader and your reason for choosing them.
8. Identify your personal goals for the upcoming marching band season (musically, visually, and socially).
9. Identify goals for your section for the upcoming marching band season (musically, visually, and socially).
10. Name three leaders that you look up to and the traits of their leadership style that you hope to emulate. (could be peers, teachers, coaches, church, or community members)

Turn this page into the band office (with your responses from the previous page) on or before Monday, April 3.

Name	Instrument/Section
Cellular Phone Number	Are you text message capable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Student Email Address	
Grade during 2017-2018 school year	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior
Have you completed and returned your 2017 Marching Band Commitment Form?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you commit to attending the following Leadership Team dates? Thursday, May 18 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Lucca Grill Thursday, June 1 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday, June 2 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday, June 5 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you commit to attending Rookie Camp and all June Rehearsals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you commit to attending all of Band Camp?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

I am applying to be a member of the 2017 Normal West Marching Band Leadership Team. I firmly commit myself to the leadership responsibilities listed on this application and as determined by the directors. I understand that I will be replaced by another candidate at the discretion of the directors should I not honor this commitment.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date