



Normal West High School Marching Band

2017 Drum Major Application

Congratulations on your interest in becoming a drum major for the 2017 Normal West Marching Band! Please read the drum major expectations and complete the following application. Clinics to help drum major candidates prepare for auditions will take place on Mondays: April 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 3:45 to 5:00 PM. (There is no school on April 17, but we will have the clinic.) **Applications are due on Monday, April 3.** In addition to your application, sign up for an interview time on April 5, 7, or 13. **Auditions will take place during class on Thursday, April 27.**

Our goal is to choose a drum major team that best fits the needs of the 2017 Marching Band. Your responses on this application and in your interview will be evaluated as a part of the selection process. In addition to this application, an audition will be conducted. The directors will take into account how you have previously exhibited leadership, musicianship, and other important qualities. As a drum major, 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 drum majors may be replaced at the discretion of the directors should they not fulfill the expectations.

Drum Major candidates will also be considered for section leader positions. Students who are selected as Drum Majors may be named to both roles if appropriate. Drum Major candidates who are *not* selected to be Drum Major will automatically be considered for other leadership roles. You need not fill out the Section Leader Application.

Drum Major Expectations

- ♪ I am a respected member and potential leader of the Normal West Marching Band.
- ♪ I am a competent musician and respected player of my instrument.
- ♪ I am a positive, active, and dedicated member of the Normal West Marching Band. My actions are exemplary.
- ♪ I am committed to performing 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 performance and attendance expectations are highest for drum majors.
- ♪ I will arrive prior to the start of stretching and will be prepared to remain after rehearsals to help other band members, student leaders, and the directors as needed. I understand that rehearsal equipment set up and tear down are the responsibility of the drum major team and its designees.
- ♪ I am committed to leading the band toward performing at a high level and achieving the goals it sets for the season.
- ♪ I will hold the section leaders accountable for fulfilling the expectations as listed on the *Section Leader Application*, and I will serve as a liaison between the directors and the leadership team/band membership.
- ♪ I will hold the members of the band 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 drum major.
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 drum major candidate.
4. Identify any personal obstacles or areas of improvement you would need to overcome to be an effective drum major candidate.
5. Concerning the whole band, identify aspects of the last season that you thought were successful.
6. Concerning the whole band, list specific goals for future improvement. Include solutions for achieving those goals.
7. Identify another member(s) of the marching band in which you see leadership potential and your reason for choosing them.
8. Identify your personal goals for the upcoming marching band season.
9. 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
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 drum major of the 2017 Normal West Marching Band. I firmly commit myself to the drum major responsibilities listed on this application and as determined by the directors. I understand that I will be replaced by another drum major candidate at the discretion of the directors should I not honor this commitment.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date