

Lake Nona High School Band ~ Leadership Application

Position Descriptions

- ☆ **Band Captain** – The Band Captain is directly responsible to the band director. It is his/her responsibility to see that all other officers are doing their job. It is also their job to provide leadership, to instill morale, and to encourage all band members to excel. This person helps keep track of attendance at all after school band rehearsals and performances. They also keep track of students with discipline responsibilities. This is the highest office in the Band Leadership Staff.
- ☆ **Drum Major(s)** – The Drum Major is in charge of the musical aspects of the marching band at all times. Serves as conductor in the stands and on the field. Also acts as an assistant to the Band Captain and a field assistant to the director. Additional responsibilities include teaching and monitoring marching skills, teaching and monitoring drill, and leading the band in stretching before each practice.
- ☆ **Operations Sergeant(s)** – The Operations Sergeants are in charge of the Operations Team and all “behind-the-scenes” aspects of the program. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to managing the following: uniforms, music library, equipment, field, etc. Also acts as an assistant to the Band Captain and a field assistant to the director.
- ☆ **Drill Assistant(s)** – The Drill Assistants are responsible for all visual aspects of the marching band. Responsibilities include teaching/cleaning drill, visuals, and marching fundamentals. Also acts as an assistant to the Band Captain and a field assistant to the director.
- ☆ **Section Leaders** – The Section Leader’s number one responsibility is to be sure they get the most out of their section. Section Leaders will be responsible for making sure each person in their section knows their music and is playing with correct technique and sound. They will be responsible for scheduling sectionals before or after practice. They are also responsible for making sure that their section fulfills all marching expectations to the best of their ability.
- ☆ **Majorette & Guard Captain(s)** – The Guard Captain is responsible for managing all of the students in their section, running rehearsal in the absence of the instructors, and serves as a liaison between the guard students and the band director/instructors. They will be responsible for scheduling sectionals before or after practice.
- ☆ **Percussion Captain(s)** – The Percussion Captains are the section leaders of the percussion section. There will be one captain for the Drumline and one captain for the Front Ensemble. The percussion captains are responsible for managing all of the students in the percussion section and running rehearsal in the absence of the Percussion Instructors. They serve as the liaison between the percussionists and the band director/instructors.
- ☆ **Operations Team** – The Operations Team has many responsibilities and is essential to overall success of the band in regards to all “behind-the-scenes” aspects of the program. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following: uniform management, music library, equipment, field set-up, etc.

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Name: _____ Grade (next year): _____

E-mail Address: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Please circle which positions you are interested in:

Band Captain Drum Major Operations Sergeant Drill Assistant
Section Leader Operations Team Percussion Captain Guard/Maj. Captain

Recognition Achieved (*Solo & Ensemble, All-County, All-State, other*): _____

Leadership Experience (*other school groups, sports teams, etc.*): _____

Essay: On a separate piece of paper, please write a brief essay detailing your goals for the Lake Nona HS band program. Include information on how you, as a member of the leadership team, can help the band accomplish these goals. Please note: the quality of your work will be taken into consideration. Your essay should be presented professionally and typed. Handwritten essays will not be accepted.

Please understand that if chosen for leadership, you will be held to a higher standard of behavior, performance, and work ethic than your peers. You must be willing to make that sacrifice so that others around you may succeed. Serving in this capacity will not only provide others with a better experience, but will provide you with a tremendous growth opportunity that will serve you for years to come.

Important notice: If you are chosen for drum major, you will be expected to attend a drum major camp this summer. All drum majors will need to attend the same camp. Details will be discussed with the drum majors once they are selected. Please note that there will be a cost for camp tuition, which varies depending on which camp you attend. It is strongly encouraged for all selected student leaders to attend a leadership camp this summer. Please see Mrs. Leimer for more information.

All application materials are due by May 6th.
Interviews take place May 13-16. Sign up for a time at the band office.
Drum Major auditions will take place on May 17th starting at 3:00pm.
Results will be posted on the band website on May 19th.