

Washington High School Bands

Section Leader Application

May 2019



Eligibility: To be eligible for Section Leader, applicant must be an incoming junior or senior, a member of the Marching Band at Washington, and be in good standing with the Directors. If you can not accept the reality that you may not be chosen, then you should not try out for this position. Your intentions must be for the good of the band, not for yourself. **If you have done this before, all past section leaders must apply again to be considered.**

Requirements to be demonstrated:

- Students will be asked questions relating to their experiences in the marching band, their leadership style and quality, their musicianship, and their vision for the program. A reference sheet will also be added to be signed by classroom teachers.

The Role of the Section Leader: A very important role the marching band is that of the section leader. This person is a leader on and off the field. The section leader exemplifies the spirit, dignity, and bearing of the entire band, and therefore should possess these qualities to the highest degree. Section leaders are not just for the fall semesters. They will be expected to be leaders all year and participate in as much as possible.

Duties of the Section Leader include but are not limited to:

A. Marching Rehearsals

1. Assists directors in the teaching of marching drills—leading by example.
2. Helps individual band members with difficult sections of the drill when problems arise.
5. Acts as proper example for difficult maneuvers.
6. Helps maintain discipline at all times.

B. Music Rehearsals

1. Always be the first to have your music learned and memorized!
2. Section Leaders should be the top musicians in their section!
3. Hold weekly sectionals throughout the marching season (and some summer rehearsals).
4. Help members of your section with learning their parts.

C. Performance

1. Take responsibility for making sure your section is assembled in the proper formation at the pre-designated time and place.
2. Assist directors in taking attendance and assist with general inspection of your section.
3. Set the perfect example at all times in dress, leadership, punctuality, alertness, precise marching, & esprit de corps.

D. Leadership Workshop

- Attending a leadership workshop (Bands of America or in the St. Louis Area)

Desirable Qualities of a Section Leader

- A strong dedication to the band program by the individual is vital.
- The individual's musical ability should be of the highest level.
- The candidate should possess a good personality and should get along well with others.
- Candidate should be very dependable.
- Exhibiting a good attitude, being positive, and encouraging good morale within the band is a major responsibility of the Section Leader.

Application for Section Leader

Name: _____

Grade (next year) _____

Years in Band (count middle school) _____

(Attach a separate sheet if necessary)

What leadership skills have you *already* brought to the Band? (i.e., tell me what you have done to earn this position):

Being a Section Leader requires a high level of musicianship. What have you done to demonstrate your ability to musically lead? (Include auditioning for District, solos, ensembles, ratings, etc.)

Have you held a leadership position in any organization (including Band) before? (If yes, please elaborate):

Have you ever missed a Band rehearsal or performance, excused or unexcused? (If yes, please elaborate):

What plans do you have for the future of the Band, how can they be implemented, and what do you see as their long-term results?

By returning this application you are showing that you understand what is being expected of you should you qualify for the position. A Section Leader is not expected to be at all rehearsals, he/she is **REQUIRED** to be at them all. There are no “free days” for the Section Leader. You will be asked to make numerous sacrifices for the good of the band program and your section. Do not return this application unless you have absolutely no hesitations about what this position entails.

It is understood that if I am selected as Section Leader, I will be expected to:

1. Support the Band Directors and other Staff with the utmost dedication, devotion and loyalty.
2. Maintain a strong dedication to the **entire** band program.
3. **Will not miss any rehearsal, performances or functions of the band** except for severe illness or death in the family.
4. Up-hold the highest possible standards as set for all band members.
5. Demonstrate the **highest level of musicianship** throughout the entire year.
6. Will be enrolled in band the entire year.
7. **If** not chosen, I will assume my regular role in the band and give full cooperation to the other members selected and Director.

Date: _____

Student Name _____ Signature _____

Student Email Address: (please print legibly) _____

Parent Name _____ Signature _____

Parent(s) Email Address: (please print legibly) _____

This application is due back to the Director on or before **May 13th, 2019**