



WARNER ROBINS HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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WRHS Leadership Information Sheet

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Instrument/Section: _____ GPA: _____

What leadership position are you trying out for: _____

If any, what leadership training have you had in the past: _____

Submit a 2 page paper indicating why you want to be a leader. Include answers to the following questions: What qualities do you look for in a leader? What qualities of a leader do you possess? What goals do you have for your section and/or the band in the future? List any ideas you have that could be helpful to the band.

Have you ever been assigned after-school detention in the past year? If so, how often?

Have you ever been assigned ISS in the past year? If so, why & how often?

How often do you forget your instrument? (circle one)

Never

Once a month

Twice a month

Once a week

More than once a week

Once a year

Please Describe your practice habits:



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WRHS Band Leadership Requirements

Thank you for caring enough about the WRHS Band to desire to become a leader for next year. Please know that the student leadership of the band is critical to the success of the group. Leaders are chosen based on actions AND attitudes not by seniority. It is a firm belief that juniors and seniors should have more experience and influence within the band. That being said, we need students who are willing to do the WORK. No leadership position shall be given out based solely on a student's seniority. ALL leadership positions must be earned.

The following is a list of REQUIREMENTS that must be met by anyone desiring to fulfill a leadership position. Please know that the best candidate must be selected for the band. All leadership candidates must have a minimum of 1 year marching experience at WRHS.

DRUM MAJOR – REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Academic Standing – Drum Major candidates must be on track for graduation and must earn grades of all A's and no more than 1 B.
- 2) Music Performance - Drum Major candidates must perform all 12 All-State scales from memory in 3 minutes or less on their primary instrument. Candidates must also perform a short music etude in front of their band class. Student conductors must have the respect of their fellow student musicians.
- 3) Application: All candidates must fill out and PROMPTLY return ALL application materials including:
 - a. Leadership Application
 - b. 4 teacher recommendations
 - c. Write out a specific lesson plan for a **2 hour indoor** (rainout) rehearsal for the **full band**. This plan should be set up with goals for each 15 minutes of the rehearsal. What are the students doing for each of the 15 minute segments? (8 segments.)
- 4) Interview with students – Each Drum Major candidate must complete a Question and Answer session with his/her peers during band class or after school. A student vote will be taken shortly after the interview.
- 5) Audition: Drum Major candidates must complete the Final Audition which will be in front of a panel of band staff and/or other teachers/band directors. This audition will consist of:
 - a. Salutes – 2
 - b. Vocal commands
 - c. Conducting beat patterns (2,3,4 with and without Mark-Time and dynamic contrast)
 - d. Conducting routine – set to music chosen by the Band Director
 - e. Final interview – with the adjudication panel

***** If selected, Drum Majors will be required to purchase a Drum Major Uniform*****



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SECTION LEADER – REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Academic Standing – Section Leader candidates must be on track for graduation and must earn grades of all A's and B's.
- 2) Music Performance - Section Leader candidates must perform all 12 All-State scales from memory in 3 minutes or less on their primary instrument. Candidates must also perform a short music etude in front of their band class. Student conductors must have the respect of their fellow student musicians.
- 3) Application: All candidates must fill out and **PROMPTLY** return ALL application materials including:
 - a. Leadership Application
 - b. 4 teacher recommendations
 - c. Write out a specific lesson plan for a **2 hour indoor** (rainout) rehearsal for **their section**. This plan should be set up with goals for each 15 minutes of the rehearsal. What are the students doing for each of the 15 minute segments (8 segments?)
- 4) Interview with students – Each Section Leader candidate must complete a Question and Answer session with his/her peers during band class or after school. A student vote will be taken shortly after the interview.

WRHS BAND LEADERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

ALL WRHS BAND LEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- A) Promptly return ALL paperwork
- B) Attend a special leadership camp (**There is a charge for this training that is in addition to the WRHS required band fees.**)
- C) Pay ALL band related expenses in a timely manner.
- D) Be enrolled in a band class at WRHS.
- E) Be a perfect example of marching, playing and BEHAVIOR.
- F) Maintain excellence in academics as well as in band.
- G) Represent the WRHS Band with Pride, Dignity & Class!