

2017-2018 Band Council Application

Positions available:

President
Vice President
Secretary

Librarian
Equipment Manager
Public Relations
Historian

Section Leader
Brass / Woodwind Captain

*"A good leader takes a little more than their share of the blame and a little less than their share of the credit." -
Arnold H. Glasglow*

As I look back on the history of this band program, it is easy to remember the great student leaders. They sacrificed of their own wants, and put others before themselves. There are few harder tasks you could take on than to want a peer leadership position in a group with such high standards. You will be asked to maintain near perfection in your music, your character, your speech, your attitude, and your decisions. Please think through what you are about to commit to. Being a leader is not always fun, it is not always easy, and it does not come without a lot of hard work and mental preparedness. It has been said what it right is usually not what is easy.

I depend on you - whether or not you are chosen for a specific title. Please know that I consider you a part of the core of this band just simply because of your application.
-Mr. Thye

Prepare a 3-ring Binder containing:

1. **Descriptive Essay**- including the following: (Be Creative!)
 - a. Describe yourself. Help me get to know you.
 - b. Explain what position you are applying for.
 - c. Define a leader - in your words.
 - d. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
 - e. What policies, procedures, or traditions would you like to see kept intact.
 - f. Give some thoughts on how you would make your applied position better.
 - g. How does a leader attain the attention and respect of their section without abusing their power?
 - h. React to the following scenarios:
 1. As a student leader you will be watched carefully by students and staff. What does this mean to you? How can this be a positive or negative situation?
 2. The band director has made a decision or statement that you disagree with strongly. What is your role, and when/how should your concerns be expressed?
 3. Below are 7 traits of an effective leader. Please respond to each trait:
 - i. Make others feel important and valuable.
 - ii. Promote a vision.
 - iii. Follow the "Golden Rule". (Treat others the way you would like to be treated.)
 - iv. Admit mistakes.
 - v. Criticize others only in private.
 - vi. Be Visible and Loyal.
 - vii. Instill a healthy competitive drive.
- 2a. **Officer applicants:** (President, Vice President, Secretary)

Please develop a list of items regarding any aspect of the band program that you believe could be improved. I would like for you to focus on areas of need that can be directly affected by the council. Please avoid certain executive decisions that I have to make. Please list the improvement needs along with ideas for how to make change!
- 2b. **Councilor applicants:** (Librarian, Equipment Manager, Historian, Public Relations)

Describe a small project needing to be done in your applied area. Explain exactly what needs to happen. Accomplish the project before the submission deadline.

2c. Brass/Woodwind Captains applicants:

Create a sample lesson plan for a week of warm-ups before rehearsals, a Friday night game, and a Competition. What should your 'line' accomplish, and how should that important time run? Think ideally and be thorough. Also, how will you develop a relationship with your staff Caption Head? You only have 15 min per rehearsal.

NOTE: These positions may be appointed during the summer. At this point, I am just looking for interest.

2d. Section Leader applicants:

Create two sample lesson plans for sectional time. One with a visual or feet timing intent and one with a musical or 'work' intent. Give minute by minute detail for each plan- total sectional is 30 minutes. Be creative.

3. Final Step:

The last portion of the application I am leaving up to you! I want you to show me your creative and imaginative side. I want students in the leadership council that are not afraid to be themselves, and are continually creating new ways of solving problems or making the band better. There are no boundaries with this- you can create, write, organize, perform, develop, or help with anything that portrays you as a unique and creative person. Most importantly, have fun!

Applications Due:

- **FRIDAY, MAY 5th**

*You may apply for more than one position in one application.

**The selection results will be posted the week of Final Exams.

Note: All interested applicants should be a part of the new member camps and auditions. Please tell me if you have conflicts.

New Member Practice: Monday, April 24th (4:30-6:30pm)

New Member Practice: Monday, May 1st (4:30-6:30pm)

2017 Thunder MB Try-outs! Saturday, May 6th (9am-12n)

Thanks for your application!!