



Normal West High School Marching Band

2010 Section Leader Application

Congratulations on your interest in becoming a section leader for the 2010 Normal West Marching Band! Please read the student leadership expectations and complete the following application. Applications are due on Friday, April 9. In addition to your application, please sign up for an interview time during the week of April 12 through April 16.

Our goal is to choose a leadership team that best fits the personality and needs of the 2010 Marching Band. This means that we may choose only one leader per section, or we may choose multiple leaders (one assigned to music, and one assigned to marching, for example). We may also choose to combine sections in a way that is best suited for their success.

Your responses on this application and in your interview will be evaluated as a part of the selection process. We will also take into account how you have previously exhibited leadership, musicianship, and other important qualities. As a section leader, 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 section leaders may be replaced at the discretion of the directors should they not fulfill the expectations.

Section Leader Expectations

- ♪ I am a respected member and potential leader of my section.
- ♪ I am a competent musician and respected player in my section.
- ♪ I am a positive, active, and dedicated member of the Normal West Marching Band. My actions are exemplary.
- ♪ I am committed to playing, marching, and memorizing 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 playing, marching, and attendance expectations are higher for section leaders.
- ♪ I will arrive prior to the start of stretching and will be prepared to remain after rehearsals to help other band members, student leaders, drum majors, and the directors as needed.
- ♪ I am committed to leading my section toward performing at a high level and achieving the goals it sets for the season.
- ♪ I will schedule additional help/sectionals for individuals in my section or my entire section as needed.
- ♪ I will hold my section accountable for learning their music, marching, and drill.
- ♪ I will hold my section accountable for carrying the required materials (music and drill binder, pencil, etc.)

On a separate piece of paper, please respond to the following:

1. Identify the characteristics and actions of an effective section leader.
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 section leader candidate.
4. Identify any personal obstacles or areas of improvement you would need to overcome to be an effective section leader candidate.
5. Identify your section's strengths.
6. List specific section goals for future improvement. Include solutions for achieving those goals.
7. Identify another member(s) of **your** section that would make an effective section leader. Why?
8. Identify your personal goals for the 2010 marching band season.
9. Identify goals for your section for the 2010 marching band season.
10. One of the most important requirements for leadership is the ability to lead by example. Many seek the privilege of a leadership position yet are unwilling to accept the entire responsibility. Do you feel that you possess the integrity to uphold high standards, even if it means standing up to your friends? Why?

Name	Instrument
Cellular Phone Number	Are you text message capable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Home Phone Number	Student Email Address
Grade during 2010-2011 school year	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior
Have you completed and returned your 2010 Marching Band Commitment Form?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you commit to attending Rookie Camp (June 1 through June 3)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you commit to attending all of Band Camp (week 1 is July 26-29; week 2 is August 2-5)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
List any vacations or conflicts that you have with summer marching band rehearsals:	

Record your current semester grades and ask your teacher to sign below:

	Class	Grade	Teacher Signature
0 Hour			
1 st Hour			
2 nd Hour			
3 rd Hour			
4 th Hour			
5 th Hour			
6 th Hour			
7 th Hour			
8 th Hour			

I am applying to be a section leader in the 2010 Normal West Marching Band. I firmly commit myself to the section leader responsibilities listed on this application and as determined by the directors. I understand that I will be replaced by another section leader candidate at the discretion of the directors should I not honor this commitment.

Signature

Date