

VBHS Band Leadership Selection Process 2014-15

Application

All wishing to be a part of the 2014-15 Leadership Team must submit the following to be band office by the stated deadlines:

1. Leadership Intent Form (April 10, 2014)
2. Completed Leadership Application and Contract (April 22, 2014)
3. Interview With Directors (May 5, 2014 – Until Finished – See Posted Schedule TBA)

Applicants must complete the application in full and meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the leadership application. This applies to all leadership positions. **Failure to complete the above requirements on time will disqualify your application.**

Elected Positions (May 13, 2014)

The following positions will be elected by nomination of the band directors and direct election by the membership present at the scheduled meeting for this purpose.

Band Captain - 1st Lieutenant – 2nd Lieutenant

Candidates for election will be nominated by the band directors from the list of those candidates who have met the eligibility requirements and whose application is on file by the stated deadline date. Voting will be by those in attendance at the meeting, no absentee voting will be allowed. Only current returning members and graduating seniors in good standing are eligible to vote in this process.

Voting will be held at the scheduled meeting for these purposes on **Tuesday, May 14, 2013 @ 2:15 p.m.** in the Main Campus Band Room.

Appointed Positions

Marching Band Section Leaders (Winds & Percussion)

Marching Band Section Leaders will be appointed by the band directors from the list of those candidates who have met the eligibility requirements and whose application is on file by the stated deadline date. A non-binding written poll will be taken of each section prior to appointment by the directors as to the preference of the section membership. Final decision will be determined by the band directors.

Drum Major(s) (May 12, 2014)

Drum Major(s) will be selected by the traditional means of audition as per the band calendar. A non-binding written poll will be taken of the membership prior to appointment by the directors as to the preference membership. The band directors will determine final selection.

Marching Techs (May20, 2013)

Marching Band Techs will be selected by means of audition as posted on the band calendar. The number of Techs to be selected will be determined by the population of the band and by the ability of those auditioning.

Flag Corps Leadership

Flag Corp Leadership will be selected from the list of those candidates who have met the eligibility requirements and whose application is on file by the stated deadline date. Final selection will be by traditional means of audition / clinic as per the flag / band calendar (to be announced... check website). The Flag Corps Instructor and the band director(s) will determine final selection.

Uniforms - Library - Equipment – Facilities – Secretary – Attendance Secretary

The above offices along with supporting staff will be appointed by the band directors from the list of those candidates who have met the eligibility requirements and whose application is on file by the stated deadline date. Appointments will be announced after elections.

General Eligibility to Vote

1. Those current members who are returning to the band for 2014-15 may vote in the elections and caucuses.
2. All graduating seniors in good standing may also vote in the elections and caucuses.
3. Only those present at the meeting may participate in the voting process.
4. No absentee voting will be allowed.

Mandatory Leadership Dates and Other Summer Band Camp or Clinic Dates

Being elected or appointed to a band leadership position is a high personal honor and a serious personal responsibility of the highest order. Therefore, it is necessary for students to sacrifice a great deal of time and individuality in order to serve the band in these

positions. **Dates as posted on the band calendar are considered non-negotiable and mandatory for leaders with the exception of the most urgent of emergencies or situations.** We ask that students with potential conflicts speak with the band directors before accepting leadership positions if these dates are in conflict with any other event or activity personal or otherwise.

Persons who accept positions of leadership and who have or develop conflicts can expect to be demoted from their position in the event they are absent on any one of these dates for any reason except personal illness or family emergency without prior approval of the band directors.

Leadership Attendance and Vacations

Again, it is important to understand that leadership positions require a great amount of sacrifice. While we expect and want all student leaders to enjoy their summer and to take part in family vacations, trips, church outings, and other important events, students in leadership positions must schedule their time away to accommodate their duties and the band schedule. Members of the leadership team are expected to be in town to prepare for the first two weeks of June and in town at least 5 days before the start of Fundamentals Camp in August. This is when the majority of the work is to be done. **Students unable to make this commitment to all Summer Camps and Clinics are asked not to apply for or accept leadership positions without first seeking a conference with the Band Directors to discuss the specifics of any conflict with leadership dates.**

Leadership and Other Activities During the School Year

It is important to understand that leadership positions require a great amount of sacrifice through the school year. While we encourage all students to be well rounded and take part in other aspects of school and community life, those students on leadership must understand and accept that their obligation to the band must be their number one school or community activity. **Student leaders should plan on a once a week meeting with the band directors during the fall after school and once every two weeks during 2nd semester. This will normally be right after the school day at 2:05.** All Student leaders must not involve themselves in any activity, job, sport, club, dual enrollment class, collegiate class, community organization, or any event on traditional rehearsal nights (Tuesday / Thursday) or on any performance date, dress rehearsal, or during the two weeks leading up to festivals, competitions, or other major performances or band events. **Student leaders must also understand and agree that “opting out” of any Festival or Competitive type performance, Music Conference performance, or Televised performance is not acceptable.** Violation of these requirements, will place leadership positions, part assignments, and band placement at risk.