

2012-2013 Mount Eden High School Instrumental Program Leadership Application

Leadership = Service! Successful Leaders are entrusted with a tremendous amount of responsibility and are required to be extremely dedicated in their service. The success of the MEHS Marching Band truly lies in the hands of leaders that “walk the walk” on a daily basis to ensure each rehearsal maximizes the potential of the group. The more organized and dedicated the leader is, the better the MEHS Band experience will be in each rehearsal, performance, and competition. Being a leader should stretch you to serve others in ways you never thought possible, so be ready and take the time to truly consider if this role is for you!

Roles and Responsibilities

- Work with DM's/directors/staff months before the season begins in organizing instrumentation, equipment, meeting and helping rookie members, instrument/equipment assignments, music, storage, cleaning, maintenance etc.
- Organize respective sections of the marching instrumental program to optimize music and drill proficiency, instrument/equipment condition and maintenance.
- Serve every student with a passion and desire to ensure a positive experience for everyone.
- Expect to be the first person to arrive and the last to leave all band events so that you know the job is done right.

Please complete the following:

Name: _____ Current Grade (Circle): 9 10 11

Main Instrument: _____ Other Instruments: _____

How many years have you been in high school band, orchestra or guard? _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. Do you understand that the role of a Leader begins in June, including the responsibility of contacting all section members to ensure accurate rosters for drill, music and form distribution, instrument and part assignments, etc.? Yes No
2. Do you understand you are applying to *serve*, and not to have something to add to you your college application/resume your senior year? Yes No
3. Do you understand there is no option for “conflicts” during the season, including outside classes (including SAT/ACT prep classes)? Yes No
2. Do you understand that your role as a positive leader in the band program will be expected throughout the entire school year and should be reflected in everything you do inside and outside of Mount Eden High School? Yes No
3. If you are not selected as a Leader, will you respect this decision and positively support the Leader who is selected as well as continue to be an outstanding and supportive member of our marching band? Yes No

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Each MEHS Band HS Section Leader applicant must complete the following:

1. Short Essay:

Write a short essay surrounding your application. Please limit the essay to 4 pages double-spaced or 2 pages single-spaced. Please include the following ideas:

- a. What are your greatest personal strengths? How will you use them in the position for which you are applying? What are some examples of these and your involvement in our music program at MEHS?
- b. Describe who you feel has been the most notable leader in the MEHS Marching Band while you have been in the group. Why? How?
- c. Explain what you think will be the greatest challenges to you if you were selected.
- d. Explain how student leadership can best serve as an integral part of band camp and the marching band season, including ways to better connect with our incoming freshman class and all classes as our membership grows.
- e. Every year there are brand new members to our marching band, often with little or no experience, and usually because a friend or leadership team member "recruited" them. Leadership team members have the most important and direct impact on creating and maintaining quality in the organization, and growth through recruiting great members is at the heart of this. List at least 2 potentially new members you have been in communication with.

2. Service Project:

Complete a service project for the MEHS Band/Color Guard program or something relating to the MEHS Music Department as a whole. The scope and duration of the project are at your discretion, but will be acknowledged publicly upon voting and final decisions. Be careful to select something that is realistic in the given time frame (June 1st), as we are always judged on what we *complete*, not what we start. You may choose something that you think needs to be done, and this can be anything in the department. You must obtain permission for the project or potential project ideas to Mr. Cato prior to starting.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please let us know if you have any questions! Thank you!