



**WESTFIELD**  
BLUE DEVIL BANDS

## *Student Leadership Application*

Thank you for showing interest in being part of the WHS Bands Leadership Team. We hope you will find the application process to be thought provoking and enriching regardless of the outcome. If you have any questions about the process or your application, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Vitale or Mr. Batiz. Good luck, and work hard to best represent yourself throughout this process.

Your candidacy will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Past performance
2. Quality of your application
3. Future leadership potential
4. Best fit for the individual and organization

**When completing the application, be thorough, complete, creative, and honest.** Don't say what you think we want to hear. Say what you really believe. Leaders are people who can offer something new and different to the organization. This application process is structured to allow you to gain personal insight as well as to allow us to get to know you better. Be open and show the person you truly are, or that you aspire to be. Whether you are chosen to participate in the position you apply for is not the goal of this process. The goal should be self-improvement, self-reflection, and learning about leadership. **Please do not fill out this application unless you are prepared to accept all outcomes of this audition process.** Drum major applicants should plan on attending the George Parks Drum Major Academy if accepted as a WHS Drum Major. DMA is offered at various sites throughout the summer. More information can be found at [www.drummajor.org](http://www.drummajor.org).

### **Positions available:**

- Drum Major (current sophomores AND juniors - we have 3 drum major positions available - 2 seniors and a junior)
- Brass Section Leader
- Woodwind Section Leader
- Drum Captain
- Front Ensemble Captain
- Color Guard Captain

**Paper intent form:** Included in this packet. Should be printed, filled out, and turned in at the April 15<sup>th</sup> training session.

**Written Application:** Due May 2<sup>nd</sup> electronically. Please make sure that all elements are typed and included in a google doc folder shared with Mr. Vitale & Mr. Batiz.

## ***AUDITION TIMELINE***

As part of the application process, there will be training sessions to help applicants learn the necessary skills to become a Westfield Band Student Leader.

April 15 <sup>th</sup>	3:00-4:15 pm	Info Meeting & Training #1 – WHS (All Applicants) Intent form due for all applicants
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 – 9:00 pm	Conducting Training (drum majors only)
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 - 4:15 pm	Training #2 – WHS Band Room (all applicants) Written materials due electronically
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 – 9:00 pm	Conducting Training (drum majors only)
May 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	2:15 – finished	Leadership Interviews (all applicants) <i>*8 mins for section leaders, 16 mins for drum majors</i>
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Leadership Results Announced

*Please review your calendars. Candidates are expected to attend all sessions. Any necessary absences must be communicated and approved by a Director at least 48 hours before the session.*

## ***WRITTEN APPLICATION***

*All materials below should be turned in by **May 2, 2024***

1. Please provide a resume. Be sure to highlight your past leadership roles and experiences.
2. On a separate sheet page please answer the following questions:
  - What are your greatest personal strengths?
  - What aspect of leadership is most frightening/intimidating to you?
  - What are some areas that the organization could improve and how would you improve them?
3. Interview someone currently on the WHS Campus (student, faculty, staff, or administrator) and ask them for their views on leadership. What did you learn from your conversation? How did their view of leadership differ from yours?
4. Share the this [teacher recommendation link](#) with two teachers and ask them to fill it out on your behalf. It is your responsibility to ensure that your teachers fill out the recommendation form by the May 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline.  
**Recommendations will not be accepted after May 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Teacher recommendation link: <https://forms.gle/t51syF7Jr3uho2Wj8>



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**This INTENT PAGE is due, fully completed, at the April 15<sup>th</sup> training session.**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Grade (circle)** 9 10 11

**Position(s) Applying for (check all that apply):**

Drum Major \_\_\_\_\_ Woodwind Section Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Brass Section Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Drumline Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Front Ensemble Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Color Guard Captain \_\_\_\_\_

**Current G.P.A** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below I signify that I have reviewed the included information regarding the 2024 Westfield Band Leader timeline and responsibilities. I understand when the training and audition sessions will be held and I will make arrangements to attend each. It is my intent to attend the training and audition sessions to become one of the 2024 Westfield Band Student Leaders.

By signing below, I am stating that I understand the expectations required for fulfillment in a Westfield Band Student Leadership position.

I understand:

- A leader is not only expected to be at all rehearsals, they are required to be early to all.
- A leader must assist with in school and after school set up and clean up when needed.
- There are no free days for a leader.
- A leader is held to a much higher standard than they have ever been held to before, and will be asked to make numerous sacrifices for the good of the band program and its members.
- A leader supports the band members, fellow student leaders, drum majors, band directors and staff with the utmost dedication.
- A leader maintains a strong dedication to the *entire* band program.
- A leader will not have unexcused absences to rehearsals or performances for any reason.
- A leader will uphold the highest possible standards as set for all band members.
- A leader will participate in all band-related events (parades, community events, pep rallies, etc).
- If not chosen, I will assume my regular role in the band with integrity and will give full support and cooperation to the other members selected by the Directors.

**Please understand that if chosen, you will be held to a higher standard of behavior, performance, and work ethic than your peers. You must be willing to make that sacrifice so that others around you may succeed. Serving in this capacity will not only provide others with a better experience, but will provide you with a tremendous opportunity for growth that will serve you for years to come. All student leaders must be able to attend all spring rehearsals, the June mini-camp, the Summer Leadership Days (8/13 & 14), all of Pre-Band Camp, as well as Band Camp Rehearsals (dates are posted on the band website).**

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Date