



**WESTFIELD**  
BLUE DEVIL BANDS

## *Student Leadership Application*

Thank you for showing interest in being part of the WHS Bands Leadership Team. Regardless of the outcome, we hope you will find the application process to be self-reflective and meaningful. If you have any questions about the process or your application, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Vitale or Mr. Sindorf. Good luck, and work hard to best represent yourself and serve the organization 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 so that you will gain insights into yourself as a person, so please be honest and thorough. You need to open up 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 ultimate goal of this process. Dig deep inside and strive to learn something new throughout this process, which should be about 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 will have 3 again next year - 2 seniors and a junior)
- Brass Section Leader
- Woodwind Section Leader
- Drum Captain
- Front Ensemble Captain
- Color Guard Captain

**Applications Due:** All written materials must be submitted no later than April 15, 2020. Please be prompt and professional with your application.

**When Submitting:** Please make sure that all elements are enclosed in one package and are clearly labeled with your name. Any elements of your submission that you would like returned need to be labeled as such. All applications must be typed. Failure to do so will result in the return of the application to the applicant.

### **Dates/Deadlines**

- April 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 am – Informational meeting in Band Room (All Applicants)*
- April 15<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 4:30 pm – Teaching Audition Clinic at WHS and due date for written materials (All Applicants)*
- April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup>, during PARCC LUNCH- Conducting Clinic (Drum Major Applicants Only)*
- April 27<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-6:30 pm – Interviews with Directors (All Applicants)*
- April 27<sup>th</sup> 7 – 7:30 am - Conducting Clinic (Drum Major Applicants Only)*
- April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> period – Conducting Audition (Drum Major Applicants Only)*
- May 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 - 6:00 pm – Teaching Audition (All Applicants)*
- May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm – Leadership Clinic (all selected leaders MUST attend)*
- August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Training Days (all selected leaders MUST attend)*



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

Position(s) Applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*All materials below should be turned in with this page as a cover sheet by April 15, 2020*

1. *Please provide a resume. Be sure to highlight your past leadership roles and experiences.*
2. *On a separate sheet of paper 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 on the WHS Campus (student, faculty, or administrator) and ask him or her for his or her views on leadership. What did you learn from your conversation? How did their view of leadership differ from yours?*
4. *Take the attached recommendation forms to two of your teachers at WHS (can be past teachers) and ask them to fill them out on your behalf and place it in a sealed envelope that should be returned to you. **Recommendations will not be accepted unless they are in a sealed envelope with the teachers' signature over the seal. Recommendations that are placed in Mr. Vitale's mailbox WILL NOT be accepted.***

**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 growth opportunity 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 (8/18 & 19), 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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# *Student Leadership Application Teacher Recommendation form*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position Desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Room # \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the candidate above on the following characteristics on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being a weak characteristic and 5 being a strong characteristic.

Citizenship	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Honesty	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Respect for others	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Cooperation	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Self-control	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Courtesy	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Diligence	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Punctuality	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
School pride	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Patience	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Sportsmanship	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Loyalty	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed
Perseverance	1	2	3	4	5	Not Observed

**Teacher Comments:**

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