

2017-2018 Carson High School Band  
STUDENT LEADERSHIP AUDITION PACKET

DRUM MAJOR  
CAPTAINS  
SECTION LEADERS



# **DRUM MAJOR**

## *Drum Major Responsibilities*

The drum major serves as an assistant to the band director and should take their responsibilities seriously. They are the ultimate role models for the band members and should promote excellence within the program at all times. It is the responsibility to know every band member by name and treat each one of them as an integral part of the program. They should be excellent students in the classroom and encourage others to do so.

The drum major is responsible for making sure that all marching rehearsals run smoothly and are productive. They should work with the section leaders to be sure that everyone is on time, prepared and quiet during rehearsals, this person should be the first one out to the field and the last one to leave.

The drum major is responsible for supervising the uniform check out, check in procedures and will make a schedule for the sections leaders to help. They are to make sure that the band members are dressed properly before putting on the uniform and that the uniforms are hung on the hangers correctly after use.

The drum major is responsible for the condition of the band room and may enlist the help of the section leaders in maintaining order. They are to make sure that all instruments are in cases and put away in locked lockers. The floor and the shelves should be cleaned at the end of every band activity.

At the football games, the drum major is to work with the section leaders to line up the band, check flip folders, and spot check uniforms. They should report any problems immediately to the band director.

The drum major will be assigned to a bus and should keep order on that bus. Any violation of bus rules should be reported to the band director immediately upon arrival at the destination. Once a drum major is assigned to a bus they cannot change buses without the approval of the director.

The drum majors must be enthusiastic about participating in district band auditions in the fall and all county band in the spring. It is their responsibility to help the members of the band learn their music, work with SmartMusic and encourage them to pass off their music in a timely manner.

The drum majors are responsible for overseeing the student leaders and making sure that everyone is doing their job. If someone is not, then the drum major should assist them in getting it done and/or report the problem to the band directors.

## ***Student Leader Auditions***

***The student leader auditions will consist of the following steps.***

1. Perform the major scales (C, G, D, A, F, Bb, Eb), from memory and the chromatic scale (one octave) from memory.
2. Perform a short sight-reading example.
3. Demonstrate the following conducting patterns at a tempo of 96 for time signatures in 2, 3, and 4. Conducting to music with cues (your choice of music)
4. Vocal Commands: Attention, Parade Rest, Mark Time Mark, Horns Up, Forward March, Band Halt, Backwards March, Horns Down, Left Face, Right Face
5. Perform a salute of at least 4 counts
6. Interview

### ***Audition Criteria***

1. Must be a rising Junior or Senior.
2. Must have an overall campus GPA of 3.0 or above for the school year they audition.
3. Must have participated in the Carson Marching Band for at least one year.
4. Must attend all summer band rehearsals, fall activities, and plan on participating in district and all county auditions.
5. Complete the student leader application.
6. Support directors 100% throughout the entire school year.
7. Understand that the drum major position is a one year commitment. Any member that is selected as a drum major must re-audition the following year.
8. Must attend a Drum Major camp this summer.

# ***Student Leader Application Form***

***On a separate piece of paper type the following answers:***

Student Name

Cell Phone #

Email Address

Parent's Names

Current Instrument/Section

***What leadership position are you applying?***

Drum Major \_\_\_\_

Section Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Color Guard Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Drum Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Section Leader \_\_\_\_

*What leadership qualities do you have and how will these qualities help you if you are selected as a student leader?*

*In what ways have you shown your leadership abilities this past year?*

*A student leader must be proficient on his/her instrument. Do you feel you are proficient on your instrument and how have you demonstrated this proficiency?*

*How will you show that you are a leader of the band?*

*How do you show respect for the band? How does the band respect you?*

*How will you support the band and its directors if chosen for this position?*

***All leadership packets must be turned in by Wednesday, March 29th, 2018.***

## ***Color Guard and Drumline Captains***

The color guard and drum line captains serve as assistants to the percussion and color guard instructors. They should have a sense of maturity and independence to get things done in a timely manner. They are responsible for maintaining order within the section and keeping their equipment areas neat and clean. They are to report any damage to equipment and keep an inventory of what is available for use. They are to maintain a professional attitude in the stands at all football games and contests.

The drum line captain is an appointed position and serves as the section leader for the battery. There is also a section leader for the pit and this person will answer to the drum line captain. The color guard captain position is one that students must try out for each year. The number of co-captains will be determined by the number of color guard members so this number will change from year to year. The color guard captain is responsible for helping the instructor create the show routines and helps teach the routines. In the audition for these positions, the candidates will perform a routine that they create.

### *Color Guard Captain Audition Criteria*

1. Must have participated in the Carson Color Guard for at least one year.
2. Must perform a 1 1/2 minute creative routine to music.
3. Understand that this position is a one year commitment. Any member selected must re-audition the following year.
4. Interview with the judges!
5. Must be in attendance at all band activities in the summer and during the season.
6. Complete the student leader application form.

## ***Student Leadership Positions***

Student leaders are critical to the success of the Carson High School Band program. Student leaders are section leaders, color guard captains, drum line captain, and drum major(s). Section leaders and drum line captain are appointed by the band directors after reviewing the applications submitted by those students interested in the positions. Those students applying for the positions of color guard captain and drum major must tryout each year before a panel of impartial judges.

The student leaders should reflect the best the band has to offer and serve as role models for all other band members. They serve as a link between the band and the band directors. The section leaders, captains, and drum majors represent the educational part to the band activities. Those students wishing to attain one of these positions should choose this activity above any other one. This does not mean that they cannot be a part of other activities and organizations, just that this position should take precedence over the others. Failure to fulfill the responsibilities of the position will result in dismissal from the position and possibly dismissal from the program.

### ***The general responsibilities of the student leaders are as follows:***

1. Serve as a role model for all students in playing, marching, and behavior.
2. Maintain passing grades in all subjects and encourage others to do the same.
3. Keep the band room neat and clean. This includes outside areas and the practice field.
4. Keep a current phone list and communicate with band members as determined by the band director.
5. Report any problems (behavior, playing, uniform, etc.) to the band director immediately upon observation.
6. Help supervise the uniform room on game/concert/contest days.
7. Support the Band Boosters in all fundraising events.
8. Support the director in all endeavors.