

Simi Valley High School

Marching Band & Color Guard Leadership Application and Selection Process

Dear potential leadership students,

All students who desire a leadership position must go through this process, regardless if the previous director selected them. The purpose of this process is to assemble a leadership team that will work with and support the current director and instructional staffs vision for a successful program.

In order to maintain a successful leadership team that is truly a link between the director, instructional staff, and the students, the director and coaches have established a unique system to help achieve this goal. Students who desire a leadership position must submit the respective application(s) in this packet. Once all applications are read and reviewed, each applicant will be given an opportunity to interview with a panel, which includes the director, instructional staff, students from within the program, and possibly other faculty members from across campus or throughout the district. The interview will consist of a series of questions, and "what-if" scenarios, and then a chance for the student to ask any questions of the panel.

Who will be evaluating the leadership interviews and demo situations?

Mr. Smith, instructional staff/coaches, neighboring high school band director(s), former DCI drum major(s) and BOA leadership academy specialist, select SVHS faculty, and a few current freshman, sophomores, and juniors.

What will I be expected to do for the interview and demo situations if I am trying out for a section leader/captain position?

- The interview is going to consist of a series of questions asked by the director, instructional staff/coaches, leadership specialists and neighboring high school band director(s).
- The demo rehearsal situation for a section leader/captain will include running a mock visual and/or music sectional. You will be judged on how you use your current knowledge while interacting with the various members that are selected for you that day.

What will I be expected to do for the interview and demo situations if I am trying out for drum major?

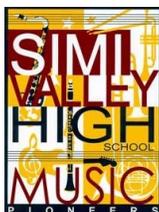
- The interview is going to consist of a series of questions asked by the director, instructional staff/coaches, leadership specialists, and neighboring high school band director(s).
- The demo rehearsal situation for a drum major will be done in three parts, which will include: Running a mock visual rehearsal which will include giving the basic commands of attention, parade rest, mark time, etc., and demonstrating the appropriate visual techniques while running your rehearsal.
 - You will be judged on how you work and interact with all ability levels of the selected group of students you are given that day.
- Conducting/rehearsing the concert band and/or wind ensemble on a piece of repertoire, likely new pep tunes, and something that has a marching band opener flavor to it (to be given out a month before the tryout).
 - You will be judged on how you prepare your scores, and how you rehearse, which includes feedback to the ensemble, among other areas.
- Conduct to a pre-recorded (mp3, etc.) musical selection of your choice (band, orchestra, soundtrack, drum corps, etc.)

More information will be coming out over the next few months, but this should give you a good start on preparing for your mock rehearsals.

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Marching Band Section Leader/Hornline Captain/Color Guard Captain Application

Due Date: Friday, March 1, 2019



Thank you for applying to be a Simi Valley High School Marching Band Section Leader/Captain! Each year you are entrusted with responsibility that is critical to our success. While the section leader/captain is sometimes seen as someone who tells their or section what to do, the true role of a section leader/captain is to serve their section and assure the best possible experience for everyone. This is a very rewarding responsibility.

Please complete the following:

Name: _____ Current Grade: 9 10 11

Main Instrument: _____ Marching Band Section: _____

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

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. If selected as leadership, do you agree to attend every scheduled rehearsal and performance of the marching band? 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 school? Yes No
3. Are you able to attend the Leadership Retreat before band camp? Yes No
(The retreat will be a weekend long event at a TBD location in Southern California)
4. During the summer there are tasks that need to be accomplished to help prepare for marching band camp. Are you available this summer to help? Yes No
5. Are you planning on attending all of band camp? Yes No
If you answer "no" please list the conflict. _____
6. Are you capable of mediating and resolving conflicts within your section? Yes No
7. Are you willing to schedule and run sectionals during the summer and fall? Yes No

In the spaces provided or on a separate piece of paper, please complete the following:

1. What is your main reason for applying for section leader?

2. Please list any past leadership.

3. Please list any past teaching experiences.

4. List three qualities that are important to have as a section leader and define how you exhibit these qualities.

Make sure you complete one teacher recommendation in addition to this form.

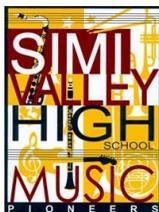
Current GPA: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Marching Band Section Leader/Color Guard Captain Application

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Please complete the following:

Name: _____ Current Grade: 9 10 11

Main Instrument: _____ Marching Band Section: _____

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

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. If selected to be a captain, do you agree to attend every scheduled rehearsal and performance of the marching band? 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 school? Yes No
3. Are you able to attend the Leadership Retreat before band camp? Yes No
(The retreat will be a weekend long event at a TBD location in Southern California)
4. During the summer there are tasks that need to be accomplished to help prepare for marching band camp. Are you available this summer to help? Yes No
5. Are you planning on attending all of band camp? Yes No
If you answer "no" please list the conflict. _____
6. Are you capable of mediating and resolving conflicts within your section? Yes No
7. Are you willing to schedule and run sectionals during the summer and/or fall? Yes No

In the spaces provided or on a separate piece of paper, please complete the following:

1. What is your main reason for applying for section leader/captain?

2. Please list any past leadership.

3. Please list any past teaching experiences.

4. List three qualities that are important to have as a section leader and define how you exhibit these qualities.

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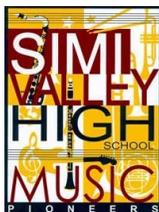
Current GPA: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Simi Valley High School

Marching Band Drum Major Application

Due Date: Friday, March 1, 2019



Thank you for applying to be a Simi Valley High School Marching Drum Major! Each year you are entrusted with responsibility and will be asked to be extremely dedicated in the fulfillment of your duties. The Drum Major is the link between the students and the staff and will be expected to work closely with everyone involved in the marching band to ensure a successful and smooth marching season.

Please complete the following:

Name: _____ Current Grade: 9 10 11

Main Instrument: _____ Marching Band Section: _____

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

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. 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 school? Yes No
2. Are you able to attend the Leadership Retreat before band camp? Yes No
(The retreat will be a weekend long event at a TBD location in Southern California)
3. During the summer there are tasks that need to be accomplished to help prepare for marching band camp. Are you available this summer to help? Yes No
4. Are you involved in any other fall sports/activities or work? Yes No
If you answer "yes" please list the conflict.

5. Are you willing to schedule and run summer sectionals for the band? Yes No
6. Are you willing to arrive early, stay late, and fulfill every responsibility even when you are having a bad day? Yes No

In the spaces provided or on a separate piece of paper, please complete the following:

1. What is your main reason for applying to be a drum major?

2. What leadership qualifications do you have?

3. Where do you see the direction of the marching band going in the future?

4. List possible roles of the drum majors.

5. Please write a short personal statement that reflects your passion to music performance and marching band.

6. What do you hope to accomplish this year with the band?

Make sure you complete two teacher recommendations in addition to this form.

Current GPA: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

