

Band Leadership Roles and Responsibilities

Leadership Team Interest Form:

Students interested in becoming a member of the MSHS Band Leadership Team (BLT) should complete the Google Form below (Due 4/27). An essay is required as part of the application. Additionally, leadership team members will attend an off campus Leadership Camp June 30 - July 2. We will take a bus to this event. It is held at Huntsville High School, and we will return back to the Shoals each day.

Form: <https://forms.gle/VoLnWwMpsQjnfJN6>

Please note: The band leadership is chosen by the directors. Decisions are not made solely on chair audition. Students must have shown strong leadership qualities in addition to quality musicianship to be considered.

BLT Roles: Section Leader/Captain, Co-Section Leader/Co-Captain, Band Ambassador

All BLT members shall be responsible for the following:

- Attending BLT meetings
- Maintaining a positive relationship with staff and fellow bandmates
- Volunteering to help at all band events that the directors need

The Section Leader/Captain shall be responsible for the following:

- Organizing goals for each rehearsal and planning sectionals
- Main communicator of schedule and expectations in group chats
- Scheduling and administer pass-offs
- Teaching and rehearsing show music, YWNWA, and National Anthem
- Maintaining a positive relationship with co-section leaders/captains and other section members
- When the directors call for section leaders, these are the only people who should report. It is then their responsibility to distribute the information accordingly
- Leading full section marching sectionals

The Co-Section Leader/Co-Captains shall be responsible for the following:

- Assisting the Section Leader in any responsibilities listed above, if they delegate to you
- Leading section warm-ups

- Leading small groups of the section in music/marching rehearsals as delegated by the section leader
- Teaching and rehearsing stands tunes and Alma Mater
- Maintaining a positive relationship with the section leader/captain and other section members
- Collecting and distributing flip folders
- Organizing secret siblings, section parties, section bonding, etc.
- Making sure section weekly responsibilities are taken care of: props, yardline markers, cleaning, etc.
- Take Attendance

Band Ambassadors:

A band ambassador serves as the utmost example of what a band student should be and how they should act in the MSHS band. Although they do not have teaching responsibilities to other members on the field, they do have valuable experience and skills that allow them to lead. Band ambassadors are a part of the Band Leadership Team; however, they do not have the roles and responsibilities of a Section Leader/Co-Section Leader or Captain/Co-Captain. A band ambassador is a premier member of the MSHS band and shall volunteer to help the band at any event that the directors need. Band Ambassadors lead by example and serve as role models for younger members in the band.

*The following should be noted:

- The above are guidelines. If section leaders/co-section leaders want to divide responsibilities differently, that will be acceptable as long as all parties are in agreement and all responsibilities are covered.
- Not every section shall be assigned a section leader and co-section leader. There is not a set number of positions. These positions are decided by the band directors on a yearly basis.
- In the case that a Section Leader/Captain is not doing their job as described above, a Co-Section Leader/Co-Captain may take their place. For sections without a co-captain, other members may assume the role. However, it must be evident that the Co-Section Leaders have done everything in their power to support the Section Leader to help them succeed before any action will be taken.

- All BLT members will sign in on a google form for every volunteer event. Any member that is found to participate in less than 70% of the total events will not be accepted back onto the BLT next year. This is not personal, as being a BLT member is a big time commitment. Some students simply have too much on their plate to provide the time needed to be a BLT member.
- Any BLT member who does not uphold the moral and expectations of the band program will be dismissed immediately.