

Poplar Bluff Sho-Me Band Captain and Section Leader Expectations

Applying for a leadership position in the band is more than a popularity contest. We are looking for leaders who are willing to serve the band and make it the best it can possibly be. Before you show interest in being a leader, please read through the following expectations:

- You will prioritize the marching band around all other activities – marching band will always come first if you desire to be a leader.
- You will commit the time needed to be a leader - stellar rehearsal attendance is expected. Work schedules must be planned around rehearsals and performances. Rehearsal attendance patterns from previous years will be examined before leaders are chosen.
- You will be expected to hold yourself to a higher behavior standard in school. Discipline patterns from this year and past years will be researched in all candidates.
- You will need the ability to earn the respect of other members of the ensemble through fair and impartial leadership.
- You will need to assert leadership when necessary and to assume full responsibility when in command.
- You need the capability to deal with fellow members in a respectful, tactful and authoritative manner.
- You need the ability to command and maintain control without displaying excessive ego.
- You need to be able to play your instrument at a high enough level to demonstrate the music to the section.
- You need to have an enthusiastic and positive attitude.
- You need to be a hard worker during the last marching season. Students are more likely to accept you as a leader if they saw you work hard last year.
- You need to have the desire to serve as a role model for all band members.
- You need to be willing to work with members of your section to ensure the success of ALL members in your section.
- You need to arrive 30 minutes prior to all rehearsals for set-up and section leader meetings.
- You will need to stay after rehearsal ends until all clean-up/tear down is concluded. We are the first to arrive and the last to leave.
- You need to plan team building and fun activities to get the section to know one another better.
- You need the ability to follow directions from staff and drum majors while exhibiting an incredibly positive attitude.