

Poplar Bluff Sho-Me Marching Band Drum Major Expectations

Please read the following points carefully before beginning the process. Serving as a Drum Major for the Sho-Me Band is one of the most challenging student leadership opportunities at PBHS. There is no other student leadership role in which the student has the expectation of being in front of 100+ students on a daily basis. Understand that dealing with the 100+ different personalities, learning styles, and opinions is difficult to deal with for one day, let alone an entire season.

If you are considering applying for this role, you must be willing to face the following realities of being a Drum Major:

- You will prioritize the marching band around all other activities – marching band will always come first if you desire to be drum major (the largest leadership role on campus). This includes activities such as ROTC, play practice, sports, clubs, etc.
- You will commit the time needed to be drum major - stellar rehearsal attendance is expected. Work schedules must be planned around rehearsals and performances. Rehearsal attendance patterns from previous years will be examined and factored into the overall audition score.
- 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 commit to spending substantially more time preparing for the season during this spring and summer than any other student.
- You will have the musical scores memorized before band camp begins.
- You will always arrive and check-in with Mr. Winters at least 30 minutes prior to any rehearsal to prepare.
- You will commit to attending a short drum major camp June 9-10 in Cape..
- You must be able to play and demonstrate on your instrument at an accomplished level.
- You will not always be popular or liked by your peers.
- You will be expected to solve problems with a smile.
- You will spend time outside of class encouraging new and struggling students through personal interaction, phone, email, notes, etc.
- You will be energized when in the presence of the band, even when you are exhausted.
- You will be constantly active in rehearsal, even when another drum major is running an activity. Recognize that there are ALWAYS things to be done!
- You will NEVER disagree with instructional staff in public or in private with other students. You will discuss concerns with staff behind closed doors. I'm not saying that we are never wrong, just that there is a process to follow. The band needs to see an absolute unified front.
- You will always look for what needs to be done without being asked. Know what the band staff wants before they even ask for it. Be forward-looking!
- You must be prepared to manage large sections of the band during and outside of rehearsals.
- You will be in charge of assigning band instrument lockers and locker inspections.

