



Edina High School Band Program

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Band Leadership Application Process

We believe that the success of the marching band season strongly depends on choosing the right leaders for the right jobs that will work together as a **great team**. Much is expected of the leadership for the entire Edina High School **Band Program**. In the past, we have had members who invested a good deal of their time and energy into making this band program one of the premiere programs in the nation. It is now your turn to take the torch and run with great determination to continue the tradition of excellence.

The traits that have proven to make great leaders in the marching band include, but are not limited to: Relational Intelligence, Willingness to do things that need to be done, when they need to be done, whether you want to or not; Servant heart; Committed; Creative; Have self-control; Exude self-confidence; Sensitive to the needs of others; Optimistic; Respectful; Unselfish; Making sacrifices, Cooperative; Can take risks; Inclusive; Enthusiastic; Have perseverance; Kind; and Gentle. These are traits that we can identify in people the moment they enter the high school band program. How you operate on a daily basis tells us how you will be as a leader in the marching band.

The leadership positions within the Edina Hornet Marching Band are:

- Drum Major
- Section Leader
- Band Crew

To apply, turn in a cover letter* and a letter of recommendation from a boss, coach, religious leader, teacher, etc. In addition, people applying for Drum Major should include two letters of recommendation from two students in the band. Choose your recommendation letters wisely to represent a broad support of you as a leader in this band. **All paperwork should be in by May, 1st.**

Mr. Richter will meet with each Drum Major candidate for a brief interview. Be prepared to communicate:

- Why you want to be a Drum Major
- Why you think you should be chosen
- Any ideas you have that would benefit the band

All leaders are expected to attend the **Leadership Workshop on August 13th from 1-5** where they will create goals for the season, dig deeper into what it takes to be a leader, and have a chance to practice leading before SPAT camp starts.

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