

2017-2018 Cypress Creek High School Band Leadership Information

If you are interested in a band leadership position for the 2017-2018 school year this letter will guide you through the three step process. Band leadership is an excellent way to gain valuable leadership skills that will transfer to real world experience later in life. Without great student leadership a band cannot grow to its full potential.

All leadership members must adhere to the code of conduct that will be included in the band handbook. Failure to do so can result in removal from a leadership position. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA in music classes and overall GPA of 2.7 or higher. Applicants cannot have any school discipline referrals on file during the school year.

The following positions are available along with a brief description of their responsibilities:

- Drum Major
 - The Drum Major is the field commander during performances. The drum major must be able to conduct all show music and stands music with the correct tempos and musical styles. The drum major needs to be capable of teaching the band marching fundamentals. The Drum Major serves as the “face” of the marching band.
- Band Captain
 - The Band Captain acts as the student representative of the music department for all necessary functions. The Band Captain helps to enforce all rules and maintain order. The Band Captain is in charge of pre-game inspection. The Captain will also serve to coordinate the entire student leadership team.
- Section Leaders (all instruments including percussion)
 - Each Section Leader will be in charge of teaching marching fundamentals and all music to their assigned group of fellow students. Section Leaders should be the best performers on their instrument.
- Guard Captain
 - The Color Guard Captain will rehearse the Color Guard in the absence of the Color Guard Instructor or Band Director. The Color Guard Captain is in charge of maintaining the color guard's equipment and is the Color Guard sectional and squad leader.
- Librarian
 - The Librarian files music and maintains the school music library. The librarian will also make copies and pass out music. The librarian can choose one assistant to help. The Librarian should be a very organized person!

Leadership Application Process

1. Letter of Intent

Each leadership applicant must email the Director (Mr. Hollenbeck, jhollenb@pasco.k12.fl.us) with a letter explaining what position you are interested in, any past leadership experiences (band or otherwise), why are you the best person for the position, and how your skills can help the band.

The letter should be professional and start with the following:

Mr. Hollenbeck

My name is XXX and I am interested in the position of XXX for the school year.

The letter may be an attached word document or typed directly into the email

2. References

Each leadership applicant will provide two letters of reference. One must be from your past band director(s) and the other can be from another teacher, boss, or anyone who can speak to your overall character and leadership ability. Your references will send their letters directly to the Director (jhollenb@pasco.k12.fl.us).

3. Interviews

All applicants will have a 10 minute interview with the Director. These will occur during the week of July 10th-14th at the Cypress Creek Band Room. When you email the Director your Letter of Intent, please include what times you are available.

4. Drum Major Only

In addition to the three steps, all candidates interested in the drum major position will also have the following responsibilities for the audition process.

- Conduct the band on the Fight Song and National Anthem during the 1st and 2nd day of band camp (scores and audio files will be given out in the interview)
- Teach marching fundamentals to various sections during the 1st and 2nd day of band camp
- Answer questions from band members

The Drum Major will be chosen based on the first three steps, the additional responsibilities, and the vote of the band.

LETTER OF INTENT AND REFERENCES ARE DUE TO THE DIRECTOR BY JULY 9TH