



Leadership Auditions May 6th, 7th, 2026

Prerequisites:

1. All your band fees must be paid in full (or a plan in place to pay)
2. You must have an overall C average in all your classes
3. You must have and maintain an A average in band class
4. You must have good school attendance, no more than 5 absences in the second semester.
5. You must have **2** teachers fill out [this recommendation form](#).
6. You must submit an essay (no more than 1 page, single spaced, 12-point font) on the legacy you want to leave behind when you graduate from high school.
7. You must have another student write an essay (no more than ½ page, single spaced, 12-point font) on why you would be a good member of the leadership team.
8. Drum major only: Must attend Lincoln County Drum Major Clinic, date TBD.

Audition Requirements (Guard members will conduct only conduct the SSB):

Musicianship:

1. You must perform a minimum of 8 measures of the 9-10 NC All-State solo for this year, on your primary instrument.
2. Conducting
 - a. You must conduct the live band playing the Star Spangled Banner on the day of the audition
 - b. You must conduct the pre-assigned musical selection, **Wind Ensemble Hobbits 19-39, Symphonic Band Arabian 11-28**
3. Interview for “bubble candidates”
 - a. You may be asked to interview after your audition date.
 - b. Questions will focus on possible scenarios that leadership may have to deal with, as well as your leadership skills and character.

Leadership will not be selected based solely on this single audition. There will be many factors taken into consideration including involvement, initiative, attitude, dedication and most importantly character. As I often say, your leadership audition is every day.

Please do not hesitate to ask questions during the preparation stage before the audition. This shows initiative, which is a vital skill for any leader in any large organization. No formal practices will be scheduled. It is highly recommended you find practice buddies, ask for help, set aside practice time, and become **deeply** familiar with the audition material.