

AVON LAKE MARCHING SHOREMEN
MAJORETTES, DRUM MAJORS, FIELD COMMANDERS, AND COLOR GUARD
EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations! You have worked hard to qualify for a position as field commander, drum major, majorette, or color guard member and we are pleased to welcome you to our team! In your position, you will be in the public spotlight, requiring a high level of commitment. By adhering to these expectations, we will be a successful team:

Color Guard, Majorettes, Drum Majors, Field Commanders

1. Any student who will be attending Avon Lake High School may audition for a position in the color guard or majorettes or for field commander or drum major. Audition dates and times will be published. Drum Majors, Field Commanders, Majorettes, and all new guard members must be enrolled in band for the entire school year. Returning guard members will be offered the option of remaining in band all year or for first semester only.
2. Field commanders, drum majors, color guard, and majorettes must maintain high standards of behavior and achievement. Less than your best attitude and efforts or any inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated.
3. Field commanders, drum majors, color guard, and majorettes have been extended a privilege. Students can be removed temporarily or permanently based upon any unacceptable behavior, conduct, attitudes, language, etc.
4. Attend all events including fund-raising. Occurrences such as an accident, illness, or a family emergency do happen and will be handled with sensitivity.
 - Participation in any activities or sports which conflict with rehearsals, sectionals, and performances is not permitted.
 - If you have a job, you will need to arrange your work schedule around all rehearsals, sectionals, and performances.
5. Upon acceptance, guard and majorette members are required to enroll in Concert Band or Symphonic Band (the band director will help with placement). Field commanders, drum majors, majorettes, and guard members must remain in band for the entire year and play an instrument (Returning guard members see above). Field

commanders, drum majors, color guard, and majorettes are members of the Avon Lake High School Band Program and will adhere to band and school policies. In addition to these policies, there will be other requirements as specified by your directors/instructors. In other words, you will be held to a higher standard!

6. Additional rehearsals will be scheduled by your instructors as needed. Be prepared for more rehearsal time outside of band rehearsals as needed by the band directors and your instructors.
7. You are responsible for learning routines and drill. Sitting out of a performance or part of a performance can occur. This may happen if you have missed some rehearsal time, or if you do not perform routines or drill at the required level for performance.

Please sign the statement below and return to Mr. Eddleman by _____.

STUDENT'S NAME (print) _____

I have read, understand, and will adhere to the above expectations for the Avon Lake Marching Shoremen field commanders, drum majors, majorettes, and color guard members.

_____ Date _____

(Parent or Guardian's Signature)

_____ Date _____

(Student's Signature)

Turn in your signed statement by the deadline to secure a position on your respective team. Otherwise, the next available candidate will be asked to fill the vacant position.