

Changes in Student Leadership and Representation
Fruitdale High School Band and Auxiliaries
Effective Date: April 21, 2025

Why.

- I. To minimize the confusion that can exist as a result of students exercising what they perceive to be within their realm of authority. Eliminating the perception of "Band Bosses"
- II. To correct a situation that developed, resulting in the unintentional appointment of individuals to leadership positions in the auxiliary who did not meet the technical qualifications for those positions.
- III. To more closely align with most other organizations and sports teams on campus with regard to student leadership and representatives.
- IV. To allow for a more even distribution of student representation within the band

New Procedure.

1. All previously named officer positions (Captains and Co-Captains) are hereby abolished.
2. The Office of Drum Major will remain as the sole appointed position of leadership with the band, with duties limited to conducting the field show and serving as a liaison between band members and the director.
3. Some students may still be called upon to assist the director in certain circumstances, but this will be based on special skill sets and not due to a title.
4. **Band Leadership** - No section leaders will be appointed. 1st chair or principal players may be called upon to help other students within the section, but this is relegated to a practice of cooperative learning.
5. **Representatives on Friday Night.**
 - a. Students will be selected from a randomly selected pool of individuals. At least one student will be selected from the following sections:
 - i. Drum Major
 - ii. Dance Team
 - iii. Color Guard
 - iv. Woodwinds
 - v. Brass
 - vi. Percussion
 - b. 1 or 2 from each of the sections will be randomly selected. Representatives must be from grades 8-12. (rotating list so every eligible member should be able to represent the band sometime during the season, and nobody other than the drum major will represent the band every week). Students in grades 6 and 7 will NOT be selected for this role.
 - c. A student who is in line to represent the band will be replaced for the week if any of the following occurs within the 7 days prior to the game in question:
 - i. Suspended from school
 - ii. Unexcused absence from practice
 - iii. Demerits for rule violations
 - iv. Suspended from the band
 - d. If pulled from the week, they will be put back in the rotation for possible consideration in the following weeks.
 - e. Weekly band representatives do not carry any special authority based upon their position.
6. **Representatives for Competition and any other Special Events.**
 - a. Representatives for Competition will be appointed solely by the band director (along with recommendations from any sponsors) and will mostly be comprised of more experienced members. The Drum Major will always represent the band.