

# Chorus Leadership

“If service is beneath you, leadership is beyond you.”

## Eligibility

1. **Experience.** Only students who are in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of choir are eligible to apply to be a section leader or Choir manager.
2. **Demonstrated History of Servant Leadership.** Students who show up to help with or without being asked are prime candidates for leadership.
3. **Musically literate.** Section leaders must be good sight readers and be competent at finding any major or minor key using their tuning forks.

## Section Leader Job Description

1. **Lead by example.** Section leaders influence their section by doing the right thing in the right place and at the right time. They are on time for class, ready to go with sheet music and pencil. They volunteer for tasks and look for ways to serve others in the choir. **Section leaders exude professionalism.**
2. **Take attendance.** Section leaders report the names of absent members to the Choir Manager at the start of class.
3. **Run sectional rehearsals.** Section leaders guide their sections through sectional rehearsals. They are able to give starting pitches, count off, identify errors, and make corrections as needed. If the section as a whole is falling behind the rest of the choir, section leaders may call for additional after-school sectional rehearsals to catch up.
4. **Screen sight-reading assignments.** Section leaders assist Mr. Davis in monitoring their section’s progress on sightreadingfactory assignments. They identify submissions that meet the assignment’s criteria for successful completion and leave questionable submissions for Mr. Davis to grade.
5. **Screen part-learning tests.** Section leaders assist Mr. Davis in monitoring their section’s progress in learning assigned repertoire. They identify students who are falling behind in learning their part, coach them up, and if necessary, refer them to Mr. Davis for additional assistance.
6. **Meet with the Leadership Team.** Section leaders will meet after school on a weekly basis with Mr. Davis to plan sectional rehearsals, social events, assessments, and discuss the cultural and social climate of the Chorus Program.
7. **Shepherd the community.** Section leaders monitor attitudes in their sections, coaching and correcting section members toward healthy and positive approaches to the work of the choir. They plan and participate in social events for the section throughout the year.

## Choir Manager Job Description

In addition to Section Leader duties, the Choir Manager will

1. **Report absences to Mr. Davis at the beginning of class.**
2. **Lead stretches and vocal warmups.**
3. **Run rehearsals in Mr. Davis’ absence.**

## Selection Process

1. **Application.** The link to the online Google Form Application can be found on [mchoirs.com](http://mchoirs.com). Applications are due to Mr. Davis by Friday, May 3.
2. **Interview.** Interviews for Section Leader candidates will be held after school on Monday, May 6. As professionalism is an important criterion for section leaders, you should dress professionally for your interview.
3. **Audition.** Auditions will be held after school on Monday, May 13. Each candidate will rehearse a group of 4-5 students in their section on an 8-measure section of music. Candidates will have access to the audition cut on Friday, May 10.

ACDA article about chorus sectional rehearsals: <https://massacda.org/women/running-successful-sectional/>

Timothy Mount article about chorus sectional rehearsals: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/23545533>

“A Guide to Improving Student-Led Sectional Rehearsals” <https://choralnet.org/archives/652157>

Chris Munce’s “Car Thoughts” on Student-Led Sectionals: <https://choralosophy.com/2023/01/18/car-thoughts-student-led-sectional/>

Online SL application Google Form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeroRDDvdOVnD5EKH4ffNEbzglyfG7GK9gE9RwapiQbbg\\_XFA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeroRDDvdOVnD5EKH4ffNEbzglyfG7GK9gE9RwapiQbbg_XFA/viewform)