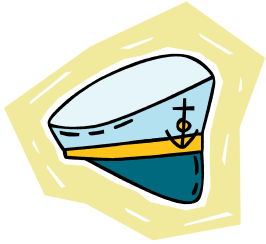


# 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Section Leaders

We will be using the chair system in band this year. This is a common system used by many band directors, orchestras, and community band groups. First Chair is an *auditioned* position and a high honor for any musician. As first chair, you are essentially the captain of your particular section in the group.



## Responsibilities of 1<sup>st</sup> Chairs

- Calling & Leading Sectionals
- Determining Articulation and Phrasing
- Working with the Band Director
- Helping Section with Difficult Passages
- Making sure their Section is in Tune and Ready to Go
- Distributing Parts when Music is Handed Out (who gets what part)
- Playing ALL Solos



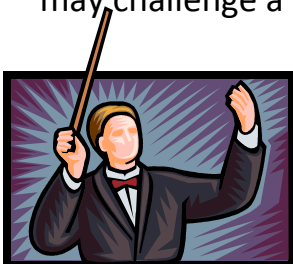
**Anyone** in band is capable of becoming a first chair musician (you do not need to be an upperclassmen). Once the title has been obtained your position is not safe. Others can take it from you!

## How to Challenge a First Chair Player

The first day after you return from a weekend (Monday) you may challenge the current First Chair for their title. To do this, talk to Mr. Garcia before class starts and state that you wish to challenge the First Chair player. Challenges will take place right after the director finishes warm ups.

## Audition Process

Challenges will be given on the music we are currently playing in band. Whoever has the better tone, technique, posture, and sound will become the new First Chair player. New First Chair players will instantly assume all of the responsibilities of being first chair for the rest of the week and until another challenge is declared. If you do not beat the current First Chair player, you may challenge again the following week. There is no limit to the amount of times you may challenge a First Chair Player or a First Chair Player may be challenged.



The Director's Decision is Final!