

Interview questions

1. How long was the last band director here and why did he/she leave? What about the director before that? Before that, etc.?
2. What do you expect from the band program and what are you willing to do to help me make it happen?
3. Are you willing to add an assistant band director or add additional assistants? If so, when and how many?
4. What period does band meet?
5. Are you on block schedule, year-round school, etc.?
6. Can extremely disruptive students be removed from band?
7. How many elective choices do students have?
8. Can a student be in band throughout his/her school career without any schedule conflicts?
9. Do the beginning band students meet every day for at least 45 minutes?
10. Who pays for new uniforms (school or booster club)? How often are uniforms purchased? Who decides on the style of the uniform?
11. What are the facilities like? band hall, auditorium, field, etc.
12. What performances are we responsible for every year?
13. Is the band required to go to U.I.L.? If so, what if the band does not always make 1st divisions?
14. Is team-teaching possible for the entire staff for all classes on all campuses?
15. Are all band staff allowed to go to TMEA and TBA every year? Does the school pay? How much?
16. What is the salary, benefits, etc.?
17. What is the present budget and what will the budget be next year?
18. May I see an inventory of band equipment?
19. What available housing is there in the community? Am I required to live in the community?
20. Are there any flags, twirlers, drill team, etc.?
21. Who decides how many auxiliary? Who decides whether or not we have an auxiliary?
22. Do you (the administrator) attend band concerts, contests, etc.?
23. Am I allowed to use the style of marching of my choice?
24. What type of discipline management plan is used on this campus?
25. What's more important, the size of the band or the quality?
26. Is there a band booster club? What are some of their fund-raising activities?
27. Is the band allowed to take trips? If so, how often and how far?
28. How many fund-raising activities a year is the band allowed to have?
29. Do ALL administrators support the band, i.e. the principals (all campuses where band is present), assistant principals, superintendent, business manager, counselors, deans, curriculum director, etc.?
30. Will I get the most input on hiring an assistant director?
31. Why is this job vacant (unless it's a new job)?
32. What is the band budget? Who determines the band's budget? What is and isn't paid for from the band budget (busses? fees?)
33. What is the current schedule for band classes? Are you willing to expand the existing schedule if needed?
34. What is the policy on extra-curricular participation in performance classes? Required, encouraged, NOT REQUIRED (uh,oh)
35. What is the district policy on private lessons during the band class?
36. What is the expectation on fund-raising?
37. What do you expect from the band program in terms of performance (improvement? Sweepstakes? No complaints? - if you hear that walk away)
38. Who is the auxiliary sponsor? Is it the director's job? What about camp requirements?
39. What classes, other than band, will I be responsible for?
40. Do varsity football players march at halftime?
41. Will I or my assistants be required to drive a bus?
42. Do all students receive band every day without being pulled out for TAKS tutoring?