

# Drum Major Auditions 2024

## General Information

Clinic: May 6th-9th @ 3:30PM

Auditions: May 10th after school

### **What to prepare/what is taught at clinic:**

1. Conducting Fundamentals
  - a. 4/4, 3/4, 2/4 patterns in both legato (slower tempo) and staccato (faster tempo) styles.
2. Conducting Musical Elements
  - a. Cues, crescendos, decrescendos, holds, releases, etc.
3. Field Commander Fundamentals
  - a. Traditional Salute, Simple Salute (8-12 Counts), Vocal Commands (Attention, Horns Up/Down)
4. Individual Routine
  - a. Candidates should prepare an individual routine for the audition. The routine will be a solo conducted piece of music. The piece should range from 1-2 minutes in length. Make sure to have the recording available to play on a phone for the audition. The routine should include the following elements: cues, crescendos, decrescendos, internal releases, full release, holds, etc. I recommend finding a piece on msconcepts.com.
5. Group Routine
  - a. This will be taught at clinic: Legends
6. Leadership Essay
  - a. Candidates should complete the leadership team application and attend the clinic before school the same week.
  - b. Drum Major interviews will take place with leadership team interviews. Sign-up sheet is posted in the band room.



### **What to wear:**

Candidates should wear athletic clothing and tennis shoes for the audition.

### **Other information:**

If you are interested in being a drum major at any point, you are strongly recommended to attend.

If you have any questions, please let Mrs. Hood know!