

Dade County Bands

Drum Major Audition Requirements

All students that wish to audition for a drum major position must complete all items required as part of the band leadership program. Any student that does not complete all items by the appropriate deadlines will not be considered for a position.

In addition to the requirements of the band leadership program, a live audition will be performed. The live audition will include the following items:

The drum major candidate will:

1. Prepare and present a salute to the judges
2. Conduct patterns in 2, 3, and 4 at the tempos of quarter note = 80 and quarter note = 144.
3. Prepare and conduct a marching band piece. The piece should be 2 - 3 minutes in length. Ideally, it should allow the candidate the opportunity to show varying styles of conducting and their ability to cue.
4. Be asked to conduct a piece that is picked by the directors at the time of the audition.
5. Be asked a variety of leadership and scenario based questions from the judging panel.

The judging rubric for the audition can be found on the back of this sheet.

Conducting Patterns

2/4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3/4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4/4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Salute

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Prepared Piece

Patterns	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Use of Left Hand	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Timing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Overall Body Control	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Sight Conducting Piece

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Interview Questions

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