

So You Want To Be On The Drum Line. . .

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd, 2019 – 2:30pm

CHECK THE BAND WEBSITE TO REGISTER BY MARCH 1ST, 2019

Choosing a drum line is not an easy task. There are many elements that are involved in becoming a member of the drum line. The following is a list of some traits that Band Directors look for when choosing members of the drum line:

1. Leadership Qualities (are you a good role model?)
2. Personality (you have to be a nice person!)
3. Commitment to the program (responsibility)
4. Work Ethic (are you a hard worker?)
5. Musical Ability (this is not the most important element)



Here's what you will need to do before the audition:

1. Learn your 12 Major Scales and 10 rudiments.
2. Check on your G.P.A. 3.0 or higher
3. Choose a snare drum etude from the Red Book
4. Choose a Timpani etude from the Blue Book
5. Choose your audition instrument and prepare an excerpt. (Have a 2nd choice in mind.)



Here's what you will be doing for the audition:

1. You will be playing all twelve (12) major scales in All-State patterns and tempos; & rudiments. (Incoming 9th graders may slow down tempo to 80 b.p.m)
2. You will be playing your snare drum etude from the Red Book.
3. You will be playing your timpani etude from the Blue Book.
4. You will be playing your selected excerpt for your audition instrument.
5. A short sight-reading sample on the instrument of your choice.
6. You must not have more than 2 discipline referrals in high school or 8th grade for 9th graders.
7. You must receive a recommendation from three (3) non-music teachers.
8. Your G.P.A must be a 3.0 or above, and receive parental permission before your audition.



In Conclusion:

I want to thank you for your interest and dedication in wanting to become a member of the drum line. I cannot choose everyone. The simple fact that you came forward to challenge yourself is very worthy in of itself. I have the utmost respect and gratitude for you wanting to audition. Whether you become a member or not, please know that you have established yourself as a positive leader and role model for everyone and especially me. Being on the drumline is a **serious commitment**. If you are chosen please understand that I will count on you to make **all** rehearsals **and** performances. Please keep this in mind when you decide to take on extra-curricular activities and especially work schedules. You **must** work with me on schedule conflicts so that we can keep a healthy, positive program. You will be chosen for specific reasons that deal with many aspects of responsibility, commitment, and leadership, but most of all, your love of music. Ask yourself honestly, "How much do I love music (especially band)?" Thank you, I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019– 2:30pm.

Mr. McClendon