

Perkins-Tryon Band

Drum Major Audition Information

Application Packet

- 1) Resume (include GPA)
- 2) Letter of Recommendation (from non-relation)
- 3) Essay – “I want to be a drum major, so now what?” Essay must be typed, double-spaced with one-inch margins, with a minimum of 1 full page and a maximum of 3 pages.
- 4) Signed drum major contract.
- 5) Give recommendation forms to all teachers, except Mr. Goodnight and Mr. Nichols. Teachers will return them to us.

Drum Major Audition

1. Conduct 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4 times with different styles at 120bpm
2. Conduct the Opener for next years show
3. Marching
 - a. Marking time
 - b. Glide step
 - c. Body carriage
 - d. Forward and backward marching
4. Vocal Commands/Whistle Commands
 - a. Attention
 - b. Mark Time/Resume
 - c. Halt
 - d. Horns up
5. Interview

Applications are due by Tuesday, April 26th

AUDITIONS WILL BE Wednesday, APRIL 27 AT 8:00am!

Perkins-Tryon High School Band Drum Major Contract

It is understood that if I am selected to be a Drum Major, I will be expected to:

- Support the Band Directors and other Staff with the utmost dedication, devotion and loyalty
- Maintain a strong dedication to the entire band program
- Not miss any rehearsals, performances, or functions of the band except for severe illness or death in the family
- Up-hold the highest possible standards as set for all band members
- Participate in all special band events (pep band, special performances, etc.)
- Demonstrate the highest level of musicianship throughout the entire year.

I agree to follow the above policies and the policies of the marching band. I understand that failure to do so may result in my being removed as drum major.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I agree to help my student follow the above policies and the policies of the marching band.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

KEEP THE NEXT TWO PAGES!!!

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Drum major auditions will be held April 28 at 8:00am in the HS Band Room. If you would like to work with Mr. Goodnight or Mr. Nichols on conducting, voice, or whistle commands, please make arrangements to do so. The audition will consist of marching, conducting, giving vocal and whistle commands, and an interview.

Before you are allowed to audition, each student must have turned in his or her application. Applications are due on April 26 by 8:00 am.

Eligibility:

- be enrolled in high school band in the 2022/2023 school year
- be in 10th - 12th grade in the 2022/2023 school year
- have at least one year experience high school marching band
- have been academically eligible the entire the 2021/2022 school year
- provide signed drum major contract

Requirements to be demonstrated:

- All facets of marching, including but not limited to: marking time, roll step, excellent body carriage, and forward/backward marching.
- Conducting – Applicants will need to demonstrate the ability to conduct in different time signatures with different styles. In addition, the applicant will conduct to a recording of the Pre-Game Routine. The ability to keep accurate time and use a beat pattern that can be easily seen and understood is necessary. A recording of the music is available from P-T Band website.
- Vocal and Whistle Commands, including but not limited to: attention, parade rest, mark time, halt, resume marching, etc. Voice/whistle projection and clarity are important factors.

The Role of the Drum Major: The most visible position in the marching band is that of the drum major. This person is the leader on the field and on the street. The drum major exemplifies the spirit, dignity, and bearing of the entire band, and therefore should possess these qualities to the highest degree.

Duties of the Drum Major include but are not limited to:

A. Marching Rehearsals

1. Consults with directors prior to each rehearsal for instructions concerning the rehearsal plan
2. Leads the band through the warm up routine

3. Assists directors in the teaching of marching fundamentals
4. Helps individual band members when problems arise
5. Acts as proper example for difficult maneuvers and military bearing
6. Maintains discipline of the band at all times

B. Performance

1. Upon arrival, report in immediately with the band director and receive instructions
2. Take responsibility for making sure the band is assembled in the proper formation at the pre-designated time and place
3. Check out uniforms and assist with general inspection
4. Be responsible for moving the band from one area to another in an orderly fashion
5. Know when to bring the band and auxiliary units to attention
6. Give all the commands during performances
7. Set the example at all times in dress, leadership, punctuality, alertness, precise marching, attitude, and morale

Desirable Qualities of a Drum Major

- Have the capability to think quickly under pressure.
- A strong dedication to the band program
- Musical ability should be of the highest level
- Outstanding leadership qualities should be evident long before becoming drum major.
- Personable and get along well with others.
- Dependable
- The Drum Major is placed in a conspicuous position and is subject to spectator criticism and therefore should "look" the part at all times.
- Exhibit a good attitude and encourage good morale within the band
- Enthusiastic in his/her dealings with the band.

By returning this application you are showing that you understand what is being expected of you should you qualify for the position. A Drum Major is not expected to be at all rehearsals, he/she is REQUIRED to be at them all. There are no free days for the Drum Major, he or she is working all the time. You will be held to a much higher standard than you have ever been held before, and you will be asked to make numerous sacrifices for the good of the band program and your charges. Do not return this application unless you have absolutely no hesitations about what this position entails.

** You are returning this application with the premise that if you are not chosen as drum major, you will assume your regular role in the band and give full cooperation to the other members selected and Director.

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Drum Major/Section Leader Application

Teacher Recommendation Form

Section A. This portion is to be done by the applicant:

Complete Section A and give this form to all of your classroom teachers. Your recommendations need to be received no later than Tuesday, April 26.

Applicant's Name

Current Grade in School

Section B. This portion needs to be completed by all current teachers:

The above named student is applying to be a drum major or section leader of the Perkins-Tryon High School Band. Please include any information that you feel is pertinent, and remember that your *prompt* appraisal of the candidate will help to ensure full consideration. Please place the completed recommendation in Mr. Goodnight's mailbox by Tuesday, April 26.

Thank You!

1. Please rate the applicant in each of the following areas (1 is below average and 5 is superior):

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Critical Thinking	1	2	3	4	5
Motivation/Initiative	1	2	3	4	5
Reliability	1	2	3	4	5
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Overall Evaluation	1	2	3	4	5

2. Please include any additional comments, if desired, to expand or qualify your appraisal of the applicant:

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