

Smithville High School Drum Major Tryouts

A meeting of all Smithville H.S. Drum Major candidates will be held on April 14th in the High School Band Office.

SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR YEAR STUDENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR DRUM MAJOR. CANDIDATES MUST HAVE BEEN IN THE SMITHVILLE TIGER BAND TWO COMPLETE YEARS TO BE ELIGIBLE.

Candidates must have recommendations from three high school teachers at Smithville High School. I will hand out recommendation forms for you to use.

Candidates must maintain U.I.L. eligibility at all times and have a passing yearly average at the time of tryouts.

Candidates must exhibit the highest degree of respect and pride in performing with the Smithville Tiger Band.

TRYOUT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Vocal Commands – Detail to the Ready, Attention, Horns Up & Down, Dress Center Dress, Dress Right Dress, Dress Left Dress, Mark Time, Backwards March & Forward March.
2. Marching Fundamentals – Perform marching abilities
3. Conducting Skills – Conduct four measures of 4/4, $\frac{3}{4}$, 2/4, at contrasting tempos and styles.
4. Prepared Conducting – Conduct the prescribed music selections observing tempo markings, retards, fermatas, style changes and dynamics.
5. Interview – questions to be asked by judges
6. A drum major clinic will be offered April 28-30 in the band hall following school.

DRUM MAJOR TRYOUTS WILL BE HELD ON May 1st AT
4 P.M. IN THE BAND HALL

RETURN THIS FORM WITH APPROPRIATE
SIGNATURES BY May 1st

If selected to serve as Drum Major of the Smithville Tiger Band, I agree to the following rules and will represent the Tiger Band and Smithville High with respect and honor at all times.

1. Maintain U.I.L. eligibility at all times.
2. Attend all rehearsals and performances.
3. Carry out requests made by the director's willingly and cheerfully.
4. Always set a superior example for band members.
5. Accept responsibility for some uniform costs.
6. Accept the judges' decision at tryouts as final.
7. Always be early to rehearsal and performances.
8. Attend and fund ½ cost of Drum Major or Leadership Camp

Student Signature _____

Parent's/ Guardian's Signature _____

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Drum Major Auditions

Vocal Commands: 10 pts.

Vocal Commands –Detail to the Ready, Attention, Horns Up & Down, Dress Center Dress, Dress Right Dress, Dress Left Dress, Mark Time, Backwards March & Forward March.

A ____ B ____ C ____ D ____ E ____

Marching: 10 pts.

Marching Fundamentals –Perform marching abilities

A ____ B ____ C ____ D ____ E ____

Conducting Technique: 10 pts.

Conducting Skills –Conduct four measures of 4/4, 3/4, 2/4.

A ____ B ____ C ____ D ____ E ____

Conducting Routine: 20 pts.

Prepared Conducting – Conduct music observing tempo markings, retards, fermatas, style changes and dynamics. (excerpt(s))

A ____ B ____ C ____ D ____ E ____

Teacher Recommendations: 20 pts.

Recommendation Forms (3 each)

A ____ B ____ C ____ D ____ E ____

Interview: 30 pts.

Interview – questions to be asked by judges

A ____ B ____ C ____ D ____ E ____

Total: 100 pts.:

A ____ B ____ C ____ D ____ E ____

Number of Suggested Drum Majors (Circle one):

1, 2 or 3

If there are **two or more** to serve as Drum Major, which letter should serve as head Drum Major? (Circle one):

Letter A B C D E

If there is **only one selected** to serve as Drum Major, which letter should serve as Drum Major? (Circle one):

Letter A B C D E

Judge's Signature: _____

Date: 5/1/2026

