

Hinds Eagle Marching Band Drum Major Auditions

To audition for the position of Drum Major for the Hinds Eagle Band, you must meet the following criteria:

- Served as a drum major in high school
- Participated in a drum major camp
- Admitted to Hinds Community College

If you meet the criteria above, please continue.

Please bring the following to your audition:

- Two (2) letters of recommendation – one from your high school band director and one classroom instructor/ professor or employer.
- Typewritten résumé outlining your experiences and goals as a drum major.

Audition Requirements

- Vocal Commands
 - Parade Rest
 - Attention
 - Horns Up
 - Horns Down
 - Forward March
 - Halt
- Conducting Fundamentals/Basic Patterns (2/4, 3/4, 4/4, staccato and legato)
- Marching Fundamentals (8 to 5 and 16 to 5 both forward and backward – you will count off and give proper vocal commands)
- Conducting Routine not to exceed 3 minutes. Please use a marching band piece. Emphasis should be on conducting.
- Mace Routine (optional)
- Interview

Judging

Candidates will be judged by a panel of experts, i.e., drum majors and band directors. The Director of Bands will assemble the panel and will determine the preliminary scores as indicated below:

Scoring Sheet

- Audition Score = 80 percent of total score
 - Vocal Commands
 - Conducting Fundamentals/Basic Patterns
 - Marching Fundamentals
 - Conducting Routine
 - Mace Routine (Optional)

Post-Audition Score = 20 percent of total score

- Interview

Students must score at least 85% to be considered for the position of Drum Major.