



Sparkman Band Drum Major Application

Student Name: _____
(Print)

The intent of this application is to notify the directors of student interest in auditioning for the position of drum major in the Sparkman High School Marching Band. The decision of who will serve as drum major in the Sparkman Band will be that of the directors. Other judges and faculty members may be used as a resource to determine the results.

Prerequisites of this position include:

- Teacher Recommendation (Send request email to draney@madison.k12.al.us)
- Minimum of one year marching experience.
- Good standing with directors and other faculty at Sparkman.
- Strong leadership skills with ability to lead by example.
- No unexcused performance/rehearsal absences.
- Willingness to attend drum major camp if selected.
- Complete dedication to the band program.

Audition process:

- Prepared conducting selection. Must be a marching band arrangement on cd or mp3 player with a 3 minute time limit. Student should demonstrate proper conducting patterns and musical nuances with cues.
- Demonstrate basic conducting patterns and vocal commands. (4/4, 3/4, 2/4 legato and marcato)
- Essay containing the following information
 - Reason the student desires the position.
 - Characteristics of a good leader and drum major.
 - Why the directors should select you over any other student.
- Interview

Timeline:

All applications, essays and teacher recommendations must be received one week prior to audition.

If selected, the drum major is expected to maintain good standing with directors and students throughout the year. Removal as the band's drum major may occur at any point in which the student fails to conduct themselves as leaders in the eyes of the directors. By signing below you agree to accept the results of the audition and, if selected, fulfill the duties of drum major as defined by the directors. All selected drum majors are required to attend a drum major camp their first year.

(Student Signature)

(Parent Signature)

Prepared Selection: _____
(Title) (Arranger)