

"The PRIDE" of Southside **2020 Audition Information – Drum Major**



Welcome to the 2020 Southside Drum Major auditions! We wish you the best of luck as you prepare to audition for this prestigious & awarding-winning group. *"The PRIDE" of Southside* is consistently rated as one of the top band programs in the Southeast. This upcoming season promises to be full of excitement, energy and fun, and our Drum Major will be a vital part of *"The PRIDE's"* success. **NO BAD ATTITUDES ALLOWED.** Only positive, hard-working and dedicated students should consider auditioning. 😊

Who is Eligible to Audition?

Any band member, grade 10-12 (upcoming school year) who is registered as a year-round instrumental member of the Southside Band, and who has taken at least one year of marching band experience.

Audition Date – Closed to Public

- Monday, April 6, 2020
- 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Any student interested in auditioning for Drum Major should sign up in the band room as well as submit an application along with at least two letters of recommendation supporting your leadership capabilities. One of these letters should be from an SHS faculty member (not a band staff member). Auditions will consist of an evaluation of the fundamentals and routine discussed later in this packet. Auditions will be scored by outside judges.

Dress: PROFESSIONAL! No denim, ill-fitting or sloppy clothing, appropriate grooming and personal presentation.

***Applicants must be in good standing with the Southside HS faculty, (this will be determined by teacher evaluations turned into the band office) and be up to date on all band fees from the 2018-2019 season.**

\$30 Audition Fee (non-refundable)

Payable to: SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Costs

\$300 Band Membership Fee (ALL STUDENTS - broken into payments and fundraisers are available)

**** Drum Major will have a reduced membership fee of \$150 to aide with the burden of purchasing his or her own uniform.**

\$412 Uniform Fee (based on last year's uniform cost)

The Drum Major is responsible for purchasing their own uniform, the design of which is chosen by the director to compliment the entire band.



2019 Drum Major Application

Name: _____

Section: _____

Please fill out and return this application to the band office by April 1st, along with at least **2** letters of recommendation. Applications and letters **must** be received before the preliminary audition.

1. What qualifications do you have that makes you the best candidate for this position?
2. What previous leadership positions have you held? Band, sports, clubs, drum corps, church...
3. How would you promote "good attitudes" with the members of *The PRIDE*?
4. How do you plan to gain respect as a student leader from the members?
5. How do you plan to lead your peers effectively?
6. Are you willing to put in the required amount of extra time, hard work and self-discipline that it takes to be a great Drum Major? How will you prove that?



**“The PRIDE” of Southside
Drum Major Audition Scoring Information**

- I. **Vocal Commands.....10 Points**
Attention/Dress Center/ReadyFront/Set/Horns Up &
Down
- II. **Basic Conducting Patterns.....25 Points**
Count off 2 measures of staccato, 2 measures legato, 2
measures marcato with a cut off. 4/4, 3/4, 2/4
- III. **Prepared Piece.....25 Points**
Cuing and Dynamics. Clarity of Conducting Pattern-
most important
- IV. **Tempo Memory.....10 Points**
Moderate Tempo Fast Tempo Slow Tempo
- V. **Interview.....30 Points**
Candidates will be asked questions regarding the
position of drum major. These will include
responsibilities and duties of the position and
hypothetical situations.

TOTAL 100

Drum Major Audition Agreement

Auditions will be held on Monday, April 4th at 4:00 pm.

Students selected, as Drum Major will also be required to attend at least one university drum major camp of the candidate's choosing as well as agree to audition for Alabama All State / District Honor Band.

Auditions will be closed to all people except the Candidates, Judges, and Band Staff.

Please review and sign the agreement below & return to the band office along with the Drum Major Application and letters of recommendation:

"I realize that the position of Drum Major is a leadership position and as such, the individual in this position needs to display leadership through example.

The Drum Major needs to be the first one to rehearsal and the last to leave, and be organized and maintain a positive attitude. The Drum Major must be a model citizen at all times and be willing to prioritize their band involvement over all other non - academic activities.

I realize that the Southside High School Band Staff has set up the fairest criteria for the audition as possible. Judges will choose the best candidate on a given day's performance under a no bias circumstance.

I realize that the Drum Major's uniform is designed to complement the image of the band as a whole and that the Directors set the design. The students who serve as Drum Majors will have a separate Uniform fee to cover the cost of the uniform and that the design of this uniform will be approved by the directors."

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____