

Eufaula High School Drum Major Tryout Information

Tryouts will be conducted on Friday, March 23, 2024 starting at 4:00 pm. These tryouts will test correct pattern structure, creativeness (routine & salutes) preciseness (vocal commands), and confidence (interview, teaching.)

Practice Dates: Practices are from 3:30-4:45. They aren't required, but are highly encouraged.

- Tuesday, March 12 (FYI, this is also an e-day/Jr ACT day)
- Thursday, March 14
- Thursday, March 21

Important things to remember about tryouts

- * Academic requirements will be the same as the athletic requirements (min C average)
- * Candidates must have marched in the Eufaula Band a minimum of two (2) years, and be currently enrolled in the fall & spring EHS band classes, and enrolled in band class next year.
- * You will need to have a "uniform" for auditions. The tryout uniform will be a Eufaula HS band t-shirt, jeans and tennis shoes (or other appropriate "uniform" as chosen by candidates and approved by the band director.)
- * Tryouts are closed to everyone but the judges, band director(s), candidates, or other appropriate Eufaula City Schools faculty/staff (i.e. principal, superintendent, etc.)
- * Results sheets may be looked at by the candidates following the posting of the results, but may not leave the office of the band director.
- * Results will be posted on the outside band room door (facing the band practice field) by 8:30 pm the evening of tryouts, and also posted on the band's facebook page.

Costs

- * The uniform can cost between \$150-\$600, or more, but varies depending on the uniform. The uniform will be selected by the drum major, with the approval of the band director.
- * Shoes cost around \$40 depending on the style.
- * 1st year drum majors are required to attend a drum major/leadership camp this summer of the drum major's choice with the director's approval. Cost for this will be around \$300+, and will last 3-4 days in the summer. Options: Troy, Auburn, FSU, Alabama, JSU, Georgia, & others.
- * Anyone that is selected MUST pay the full cost of the uniform by May 1, or they may be replaced, unless otherwise approved by the director. Uniforms must be ordered and planned by then in order to get them back by football season & camps must be pre-registered.
- * There is also a \$66 band camp fee that will be due during band camp (July 22-26) along with the \$10 marching band tshirt.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read, and agree to all requirements to audition for the position of the Eufaula High School Marching Band Drum Major.

This form is due by Tuesday, March 20 2024.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Eufaula High School Drum Major Tryout - Judge's Sheet

Candidate # _____

MARCHING / BODY CARRIAGE

(Demonstrated specifically
during the entrance, conducting)

_____ (10 points)

OPENING SALUTE (16 counts maximum)

_____ (5 points)

VOCAL COMMANDS

Attention	_____ (1 point)
Parade Rest	_____ (1 point)
Attention	_____ (1 point)
Dress Center	_____ (1 point)
Ready Front	_____ (1 point)
Dress Right	_____ (1 point)
Ready Front	_____ (1 point)
Horns Up	_____ (1 point)
Start Fight Song	_____ (1 point)
Horns Down	_____ (1 point)
Mark time vocals	_____ (1 point)
Halt	_____ (1 point)

_____ (12 points total)

PATTERNS

2/4	Slow	_____ (1 point)
	Fast	_____ (1 point)
	Legato slow	_____ (1 point)
	Legato fast	_____ (1 point)
	Marcato slow	_____ (1 point)
	Marcato fast	_____ (1 point)
3/4	Slow	_____ (1 point)
	Fast	_____ (1 point)
	Legato slow	_____ (1 point)
	Legato fast	_____ (1 point)
	Marcato slow	_____ (1 point)
	Marcato fast	_____ (1 point)
4/4	Slow	_____ (1 point)
	Fast	_____ (1 point)
	Legato slow	_____ (1 point)
	Legato fast	_____ (1 point)
	Marcato slow	_____ (1 point)
	Marcato fast	_____ (1 point)

_____ (18 points total)

CONDUCTING ROUTINE

_____ (20 points)

comments _____

CLOSING SALUTE (8 counts maximum)

_____ (5 points)

TEACHING

_____ (15 points)

comments _____

INTERVIEW

_____ (15 points)

comments _____

_____ Total Score (100 possible)

JUDGE'S INITIALS _____

Eufaula High School Drum Major Requirements

SALUTES (16 counts maximum) (10 points, 5 points each)

- * one long (opening salute at the beginning of the show)
- * one short (closing salute at the end of the show)

VOCAL COMMANDS (12 points, 1 point each)

- * Attention
- * Parade Rest
- * Attention
- * Dress Center
- * Ready Front
- * Dress Right
- * Ready Front
- * Horns Up
- * Count off the fight song
- * Horns Down
- * Mark time (and count aloud [clapping] in 8s until halted, you should mark time also)
- * Halt

PATTERNS (18 points, 1 point for demonstration of each style)

- * 2/4
- * 3/4
- * 4/4
- * Demonstrate **each pattern** in the following 6 styles:
 - * slow
 - * fast
 - * legato slow
 - * legato fast
 - * marcato slow
 - * marcato fast

- * Conduct each pattern 4 measures
- * End each demonstration with a cut-off and horns down

CONDUCTING (20 points) to the song “Yaleo” arr. Jay Dawson

- * Cue anything big that you hear (entrances, dynamics, releases/cut-offs, etc.)
- * Change style, when you can, to match the music.
- * Don’t necessarily “mirror” the whole time.
- * Be creative, but don’t let it mess you up.
- * Always have CLEAR downbeats!
- * www.jwpepper.com search Yaleo (De Le) arr. Jay Dawson #10028340 for a recording

MARCHING/BODY CARRIAGE (10 points)

- * Demonstrated during the conducting routine
- * Demonstrated during the entrance of the tryout
- * Demonstrated during the entire tryout.

INTERVIEW (15 points)

- * Each judge, plus myself will ask you at least one question.
- * Answer honestly, and confidently.
- * Be clear, but don’t ramble.

TEACHING (15 points)

- * You will be given a sheet to teach marching fundamentals.
- * You are being judged on your teaching ability and clarity of directions.
- * Example: **Mark time 4, forward march 4, right flank 8, mark time 4, left drag turn 90 degrees 4, backwards march 8, halt**

Total points possible is 100