

## **Drum Major Audition Information 2024-25**

### **Eligibility –**

Students must be in the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2024 – 2025 school year AND have been a member of the Eagle Pride in good standing for at least one full marching season.

Auditions will consist of:

### **Conducting-**

1. Students will conduct four measures of 4/4, 3/4, 2/4, and a 5-count cutoff to demonstrate knowledge of all standard meters used in conducting.
2. Students will conduct the Star Spangled Banner to a recording from the Band website. Printed copies of the score are available in the band room for you to pick up and study.
3. Students will conduct Make Me Smile to a recording from the Band website. Printed copies of the score are available in the band room for you to pick up and study.

Each conducting demonstration will be awarded points for overall presence (posture, stance, and hand position), conducting (accuracy of tempo, accuracy/clarity of pattern, appropriate cuing, and left hand independence) and musical expression.

### **Interview-**

Each student will be interviewed by the judging panel following the skill demonstration portions of the audition. Each judge will ask a minimum of one question pertaining to leadership, decision making, the role of the Drum Major, or any related topic. Points will be awarded for the thoroughness of the response; the ability to express ideas clearly, concisely, and logically; and demonstration of poise and self-confidence.