

IRVINE HS MIGHTY MARCHING VAQUEROS

2017 Drum Major Audition Information

The position of drum major requires:

1. A person that demonstrates exemplary behavior on and off the field.
2. A person that demonstrates exemplary musicianship and marching ability.
3. A person that is consistently positive and enthusiastic about music, the MMV, and Irvine HS as a whole.
4. A person that can take charge, motivate, think on his/her feet and one that knows when to follow and when to lead.
5. At least 1 year of participation in the MMV and, ideally, experience in a MMV leadership position.

**Auditions will take place on June 1st in the IM Room
during period 1A and 2A**

WHAT TO PREPARE:

1. Conducting

Demonstrate an accurate and clean style while conducting the live band and a recording. As a conductor, you are a facilitator and must not simply choreograph the music or conduct the melody. This is an important area, so if you have any questions, ask Mr. V or Mr. A.

2. Marching

Demonstration of your marching ability. All marching maneuvers are fair game!

3. Teaching/Critiquing

Demonstration of your teaching and critiquing in the area of marching fundamentals and drill; You will be judged on your voice command, tempo, poise, efficiency, information relayed, and overall effectiveness.

Each candidate will teach a fundamental from scratch and/or

Each candidate will teach a short drill segment to a squad and critique their technique and execution.

4. Interview

Each candidate will be judged by the quality of his/her answers as well as poise and effectiveness of communication. The panel will ask questions.

5. Complete Application

Due May 23rd along with a Section Leader application.

Return completed application to Mr. V by May 23rd, 2017

Duties and Responsibilities of the Drum Majors

REHEARSAL AND OTHER DUTIES

1. Help set-up and take down the field each day. This includes podiums/ladders and yardline markers
2. Make sure the field is adequately painted for each rehearsal
3. Assist with the teaching and cleaning of drill. Drum Majors must be active on the field helping set forms and clean drill in regard to picture development. Essentially, you are a marching technician. You will be expected to have all drill charts at each rehearsal, just like the rest of the band, along with scores of the music. One drum major will be expected to be on the ladder/podium during this process to assist the director by getting the band set and conducting segments of the music.
4. Teach and reinforce marching fundamentals.
5. Assist with sectionals as needed. If a section leader is missing, drum majors will step in and run the music sectional.
6. Assist with full band rehearsals as needed.
7. Help maintain a productive environment
8. Direct playing or marching rehearsals as instructed.
9. Be willing and available to help individuals or sections as needed outside of regular rehearsal time.
10. Have a fully formed 15-minute warmup planned before each home football game.
11. Copy/distribution of music; copy/distribution of drill as needed
12. Be the back bone of spirit for the band. Motivate!

PERFORMANCE DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Lead the band in all parade-block activities (pregame, Disneyland, etc)
2. Conduct as sideline conductors during pregame as needed.
3. Conduct on the center podium or as sideline or backfield conductor as instructed.
4. Provide leadership, including conducting when instructed, while the band is in the stands.
5. Lead the band in spirit and enthusiasm and monitor the band for order and focus.

Anyone applying for drum major must ALSO complete a section leader application

Return completed application to Mr. V by May 23rd, 2017

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Drum Major Application Form

Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 23rd

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Instrument for 2017: _____

Number of years completed in the MMV: _____

Name 2 other people you think would be outstanding drum majors (regardless of whether or not they are applying):

List previous drum major/band leadership positions you have held:

List any other leadership positions you have held:

ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER, please compose a short essay on why you would like to be a drum major for the MMV.

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