



Audition Information

This week, we will be beginning the 2020 Saginaw Drumline audition process! Auditions and masterclasses will be ONLINE this year thanks to distance learning. Please read the following instructions carefully and email questions to jgiba@ems-isd.net.

Audition Music

Audition packets can be found on the [band website](#) under files. Those wishing to audition for battery (snare, quads, bass, hits) should download the [battery packet](#), those wishing to audition for front ensemble (marimba, vibes, xylo, bells, synth, drumset, aux percussion) should download the [front ensemble packet](#).

Video Audition Process

Each week you will be given specific video assignments from exercises in the packets. These assignments will be clearly posted on your band's canvas page. Saginaw drumline staff will provide you with video resources to help you master the fundamentals of each week's assignments. It is expected that you practice the fundamentals from each week daily, and submit your BEST video of each assignment. If you want to audition for FE and don't have a practice marimba at home don't panic - we will show you how to practice and submit assignments without an instrument.

Audition video assignments will continue weekly into May, and drumline section placements will be announced shortly after. All videos that you submit will be taken into account for placement, and you will be provided with specific individual feedback so that you can practice and improve as the weeks go on. *No spot is guaranteed. You may be placed on an instrument, or in a section that you did not audition for. Your spot may change after video audition results are announced.* **Provided we are allowed to see each other, all percussionists are required to attend Drum Camp June 1st - 5th 9 am - 4 pm @ Saginaw.**

Incoming 9th Graders (Current 8th Graders)

We are so excited to welcome you to the Saginaw Drumline! Please don't feel overwhelmed by this process - it is new to all of us. Reach out to Ms. Giba if you have questions or need help with anything. You can contact me through canvas or email.

Assignments for Front Ensemble and Battery will be posted on your school's Canvas page. Choose front ensemble, or battery, and complete the audition assignments for that section. You may also submit videos for BOTH front ensemble and battery, but this is not required. Feel free to explore the masterclass videos for each section to help you decide what to audition for.

Audition videos for at least one section are required, and will be taken as a grade at your respective schools.

Please reach out if you need help or have questions! It's going to be a great year!