### **Urbandale Drumline Auditions**

### **Battery & Frontline Group Auditions**

Friday, April 12th @ 6-7:30 pm (8th grade only from 6-6:30!)

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Friday, April 19th @ 6-7:30 pm (8th grade only from 6-6:30!)

\*Everyone auditioning for Drumline must attend ALL group audition dates\*

#### **Audition FACTS:**

Urbandale Drumline will consist of **FOUR sections:** bass drum, snare drum, tenors, and front ensemble. You may audition for any instrument of your choosing, but you may not be guaranteed a spot on your preferred instrument; however, our staff will certainly consider your desired choice. **EVERYONE** should prepare all exercises in this packet for auditions. (Exception to this: students who WILL ONLY be doing front ensemble. All mallet exercises should be prepared.)

### **Requirements:**

**BRING:** Music (packet), earplugs, and a positive attitude! (you may also bring sticks or practice pads if you would like).

<u>Prepare ALL of the exercises in this packet to the best of your ability.</u>
All battery exercises require you to mark time with a metronome. Here are some suggested tempos: **FINISH THIS WHEN MUSIC IS PICKED** 

#### **Materials:**

Materials will be given to students during percussion ensemble and also sent through email. **The following list of exercises is included:** 

- Check Patterns: Duple

- Check Patterns: Triple

- Green Scales

- TBD

 4 Mallet Lot Warm-Up (required for all frontline-only auditionees \*freshman: we will talk about this at the first meeting\*) - 4 Mallet Mango

- Rolls

Stick Control

#### **Procedure:**

The staff (Mackenzie Flatt) will be conducting the group audition and will move you around to different instruments so you can try out each drum/mallet instrument. Please keep an open mind and try your best, even if you are uncomfortable. Instrument placement will be decided based on the best interests of the ensemble as well as your personal interest. You will **NOT** be required to do an individual audition. There will be **no** re-auditions. Please carry yourself in a way that is respectful and conducive to a good rehearsal environment for everyone involved.

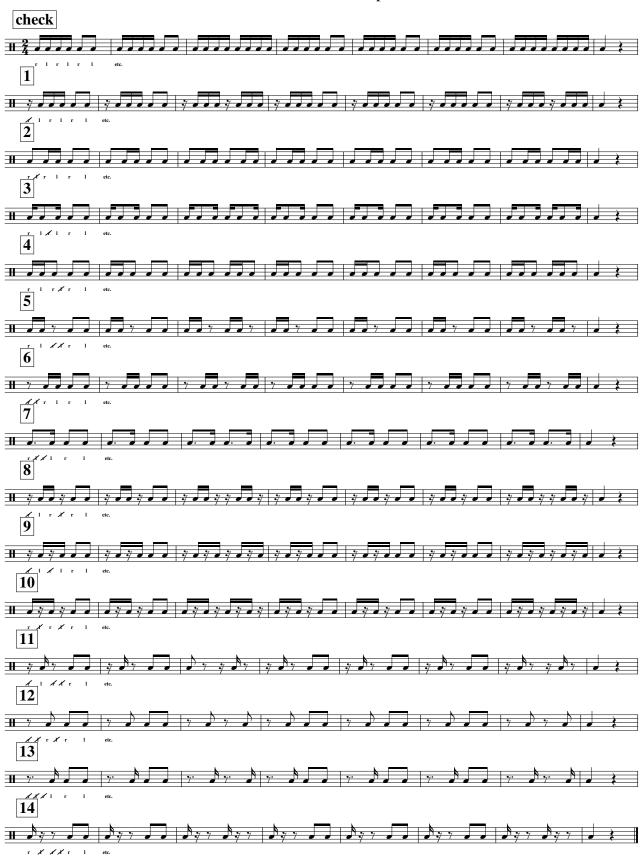
#### Things to Focus on:

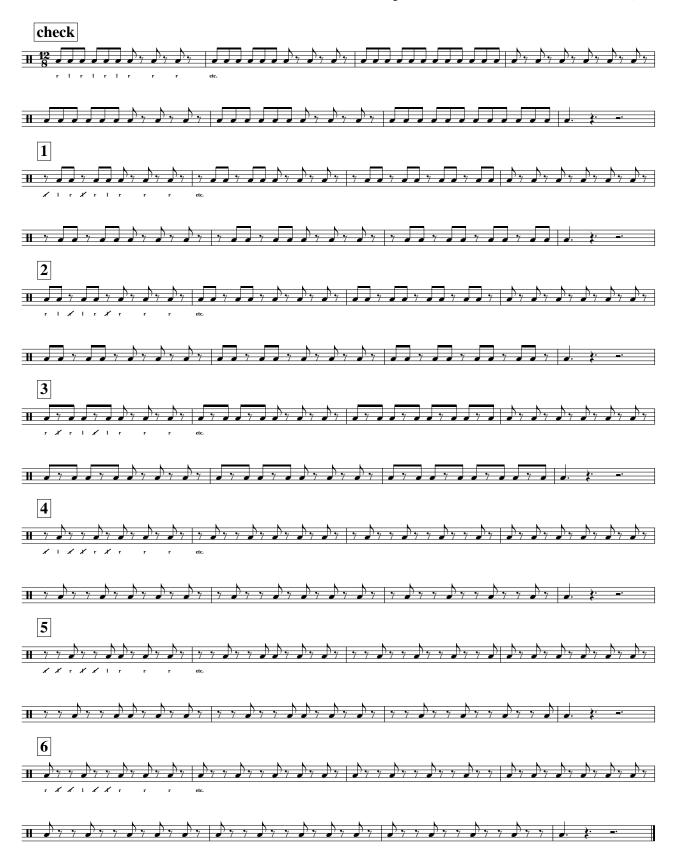
Rhythmic accuracy, technique, and improvement from day-to-day (we want to see evidence that you are practicing on your own with a metronome!).

Showing good work ethic and strong attempts at ALL the instruments, besides those *YOU PREFER*, will only strengthen your opportunity to be placed on your 1st or 2nd choice. Teachability, work ethic, determination, and respect to the process will most often win out over talent.

#### **Expectations:**

To participate in the drumline at Urbandale High School, you will be required to attend both of the audition dates and prepare any/all material that is handed out ahead of time.





# Green Scale

G.H. Green, arr. Constantinides





Repeat in every major and minor key.



## 4 Mallet Lot Warm-Up

Dumouchelle



## 4 Mallet Mango

Katie Barnhart





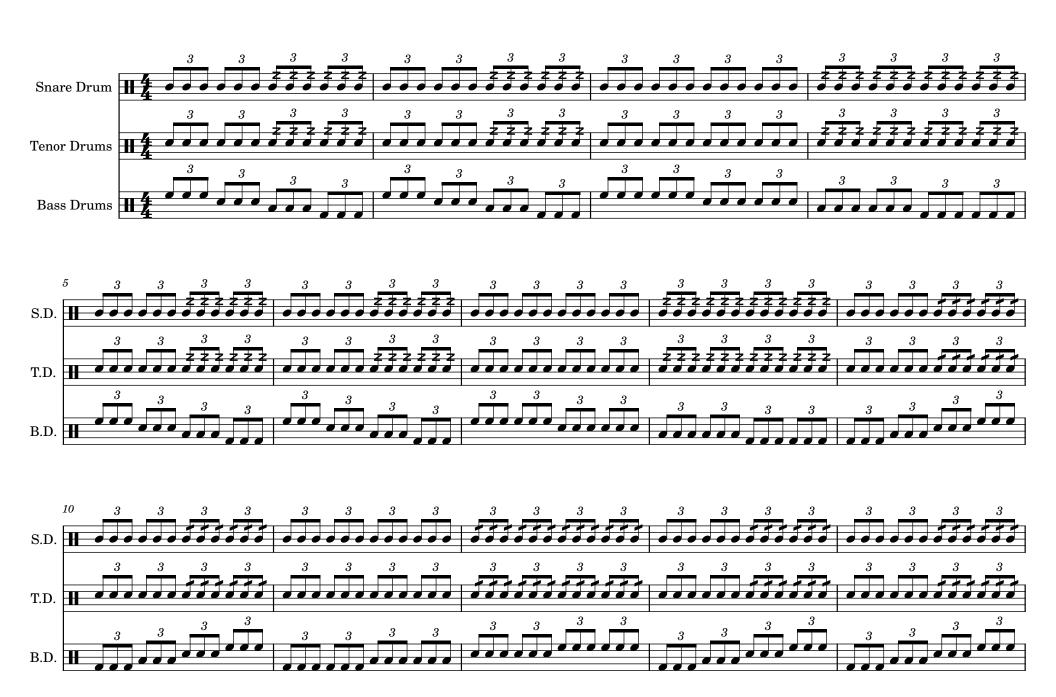








### Rolls









## Stick Control

**J** = 80





