

Conducting Evaluation Form

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SUBSTANDARD SKILLS (2 pts)	DEVELOPING SKILLS (3 pts)	EXCEPTIONAL SKILLS (4 pts)
Position & Posture Shoulders slouching; elbows touching sides of torso; feet too close or too far away from one another; weight not evenly distributed; baton held with incorrect grip; arms/hands not in position for prep beat to follow and too close to body; constantly moving before prep beat.	Position & Posture Shoulders slightly hunched; feet at shoulder width apart with weight evenly distributed; knees locked; baton held correctly; arms/hands in position for prep beat to follow but not extended away from body; slight movement before the prep beat; commands attention from the ensemble.	Position & Posture Posture erect, poised; feet shoulder- width apart; weight distributed equally with knees relaxed; baton held correctly; arms/hands in position for prep beat to follow, extended away from body; still and motionless; commands attention from the ensemble.
Preparatory Beat Hesitates before prep beat; extraneous motion during prep beat; does not breathe with the ensemble; prep beat in different tempo, style, and dynamic of the music to follow; eyes fixated on score throughout the prep and the downbeat.	Preparatory Beat Initiated with very little hesitation or extraneous motion; breathes with ensemble; prep beat does not completely communicate the tempo, style, and/or dynamic of the music to follow; eye contact before but not after the prep beat.	Preparatory Beat Initiated without hesitation or extraneous motion; breathes with the ensemble; clearly indicates tempo, style, and dynamic of the music to follow; eye contact maintained from the initiation of the prep beat through the downbeat that follows.
Beat Patterns Ictus unclear; beat plane either too high or too low; patterns do not match the music and are difficult to follow; pattern placed outside of the torso frame; pattern size too large or too small for music; motion between beats uneven.	Beat Patterns Clear ictus; beat plane not always consistent; patterns appropriate for the music but not always clearly readable to the ensemble; patterns positioned in front of body; pattern size sometimes too large or too small for the music; even motion between beats.	Beat Patterns Clear ictus; beat plane at appropriate height; patterns appropriate for the music and are well defined, proportioned, and positioned in front of the body; pattern size fits music; even motion between beats.
Right Hand Technique Releases not given in the dynamic or style of the music; baton out of sightline between conductor and performer; no indication of cues with baton; fermatas not executed correctly.	Right Hand Technique Releases clear but not always in the correct dynamic or style of the music; baton out of sightline between conductor and performer; uses baton for cues; fermatas not executed with consistent gestures.	Right Hand Technique Releases clear, concise, and in the dynamic and style of the music; baton placed in sight-line between conductor and performer; uses baton for cues; fermatas executed with moving baton and for an appropriate duration.
Left Hand Technique Left hand dependent on right hand; does not indicate crescendo, diminuendo, subito changes in dynamics and style, cues, accents, balance, nuance, and phrasing.	Left Hand Technique Left hand demonstrates some reliance on right hand, with moments of independence; indicates crescendo, diminuendo, subito changes in dynamics and style, cues, accents, balance, nuance, and phrasing with some difficulty.	Left Hand Technique Moves independently from right hand; indicates crescendo, diminuendo, subito changes in dynamics and style, cues, accents, balance, nuance, and phrasing with very little, if any, difficulty.
Style, Interpretation & Phrasing Little or no difference in gesture for different musical styles (marcato, legato, etc.); inappropriate tempi and tempo modifications; no indication phrases: no indication of climaxes, accentuation, dynamics, nuance.	Style, Interpretation & Phrasing Command of different musical styles (marcato, legato, etc.); appropriate tempi and tempo modifications; phrases not always indicated through gestures; infrequent indications of climaxes, accentuation, dynamics, nuance.	Style, Interpretation & Phrasing Command of different musical styles (marcato, legato, etc.); appropriate tempi and tempo modifications; phrases indicated by movement and release; frequent indication of climaxes, accentuation, dynamics, nuance.
Score Knowledge & Eye Contact Eyes bound to the score; no eye contact for cues, preps; frequently loses place in score; instructions and demonstrations indicate a lack of score knowledge; unable to sing parts; incorrectly interprets items in the score; unable to transpose.	Score Knowledge & Eye Contact Intermittent eye contact with the ensemble; maintains eye contact for some cues, preps; occasionally loses place in score; instructions and demonstrations indicate a limited knowledge of the score; unable to sing some parts; misinterprets a few items in the score; able to transpose with few errors.	Score Knowledge & Eye Contact Eyes not bound to the score; maintains eye contact for cues, preps; retains place in score; instructions and demonstrations indicate knowledge of the score; able to sing parts; correctly interprets items in the score; gives transpositions without error.
Overall Effectiveness Unable to produce meaningful, substantive changes; no control of ensemble; follows, does not lead; little energy or enthusiasm; unable to maintain interest of performing ensemble.	Overall Effectiveness Able to produce some substantive changes; limited control of ensemble; leads, but often follows the ensemble; shows energy and enthusiasm; maintains limited interest of performing ensemble.	Overall Effectiveness Able to produce meaningful, substantive changes; improves ensemble performance; has control; leads, does not follow; has high level of energy and enthusiasm; maintains interest of performing ensemble.