

Atascocita High School Band
"Pride of the Eagles"
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Region XIX UIL Music
High School Band Concert/Sight-Reading Contest
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Dear Directors,

Atascocita High School welcomes you to our campus for the 2008 UIL Band Concert and Sight-Reading Contest to be held on Tuesday, April 8th. Enclosed in this packet you will find:

- 1) Map to Atascocita High School
- 2) Map of Atascocita High School and Contest Layout
- 3) Schedule of performance times

Our school is located on the corner of Will Clayton Parkway and West Lake Houston Parkway. Buses will enter on the West Lake Houston Parkway side of the campus as all other entrances will be locked. There is a small wooden sign that reads "Atascocita High School" at the point of the medium crossover that is located on the school side of West Lake Houston Parkway. The buses will enter the campus and follow the covered walkway to the back door of the stage, which is an overhead-type door, which should be clearly visible. This is where you will unload equipment. After unloading, the buses should park in the construction area parking lot indicated on the map. Buses can remain parked in that location and students can walk to the buses after they have completed sight-reading by simply exiting from the back of the Band Hall. The students can enter AHS through the glass doors down the athletic hallway which is on the south side of the auditorium into the open area in front of the auditorium. This area is also where restrooms can be found and where your students will gather prior to being led to the warm-up room.

Upon arrival, each director should check in at the contest office located in the medium ensemble room near the Band and Orchestra Rooms. Remember to have all of your numbered judge's scores and be sure to write you school's name on the front of each score. **DON'T FORGET YOUR FORM #1**

A student monitor will meet your group to lead you through the contest process. Please leave your cases on the buses as there will be no place provided to leave cases unattended. During the time that your students are changing into their concert attire, we will have your buses placed in temporary parking along-side the curb of the exit lane prior to being parked in the construction parking lot for the duration of the contest.

There will be a sufficient number of chairs and stands for each group in the Warm-up, Stage and Sight-reading areas. A Peterson tuner and McAdams metronome/tuner will be available in the warm-up room.

Equipment furnished on stage:

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| 1) Bass Drum | 5) Piano (concert grand) |
| 2) Five (5) Timpani | 6) 3-8" risers and 3-16" risers (we do not own 24" risers) |
| 3) Chimes | 7) Wenger Acoustical Shells |
| 4) Xylophone | |

NOTE: the piano is a concert grand, so plan your stage set-up with this in mind.

Equipment need for Sight-reading:

5A Non-Varsity: **Timpani**
 Bells
 Snare Drum/Bass Drum
 Crash Cymbals/Susp. Cymbal

5A Varsity: **Timpani**
 Snare Drum/Bass Drum
 Crash Cymbal/Susp. Cymbal
 Bells

NOTE: We will not furnish mallets, sticks, cymbals, snare drums, orchestra bells or any other accessory.

We will do our best to keep this contest on schedule, so please be prepared to enter warm-up on time and plan to leave the warm-up room 5 minutes early. We will have a stage crew to set up your band but an assistant director is suggested to fine tune your set-up. Please instruct your percussion section to set up for their performance. If your set-up changes from the original you sent, please fax a new one to Atascocita High School at **Fax # 281-641-7517**.

The warm-up room will be located in the Orchestra Room (room 1324). We request that the door to this room and the practice rooms remain closed at all times. After you finish on stage, you will be taken to the band hall for sight-reading. Please note the route you will follow during the contest. The ratings will be posted at the front of the auditorium at different intervals. Drinks and snacks will be available at the concession stand by the Bus Drop-off area.

Doors to the auditorium will be closed during each performance, and will only be opened between performances. Please remember that classes are in session at AHS. Please monitor your group and be as quiet as possible at all times. **Students must remain quiet in the Fine Arts area before you enter warm-up. Please do not allow students to enter the warm-up room or performance area until you move your group to these locations.** If you must bring groups early or stay late, please remind your groups of appropriate concert behavior and monitor them very closely. Keep your groups together and supervised and never leave the Fine Arts area.

You may pick up your ratings in the contest office.

VERY IMPORTANT: If your performance is between 8-9 a.m. or 2:30- 3:30 p.m. please allow at least 30 minutes extra time. Traffic in front of the school is always difficult during these peak traffic times. You may consider arriving a little early to get properly unloaded and acclimated to the new performance location.

We want to do everything possible to make your time on the AHS campus as pleasant as possible. We want to wish each of you the best of luck during your performances. If we can assist you in any way possible, please don't hesitate to call. Phone: (281) 641-7742 or (281) 641-7743

Entrance to AHS is from West Lake Houston Parkway. The entrance to the Fine Arts area is at the back of the school. There is auditorium access (for percussion equipment) from the sidewalk near the band hall entrance.

Bus parking during the day will be in an area near the entrance from West Lake Houston Parkway. Bands performing after school hours (3:30-6:30 p.m.) may be able to park near the Staff Parking area as this area clears.

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