

Aldine High School Band

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Region 19 UIL Music

High School Band Sub Non-Varsity Concert and Sight-Reading Contest

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Dear Directors,

Aldine High School welcomes you to our campus for the 2013 UIL Sub Non-Varsity Band Concert and Sight-Reading Contest on April 17, 2013.

Our school is located on the corner of West Rd. and Airline Dr. just south of the I-45 and Beltway 8 exchange. Buses will need to enter via Airline Dr. on the east side of the school. They will drive past the front of the school and take a right into the teacher parking lot. The buses will then drive to the end of the parking lot to drop off the students at the southwest entrance of the parking lot. Equipment trucks will be unloaded at the garage area that is right next to the southwest entrance. After unloading, your buses can remain parked in this location until after participation in the contest has been completed.

The students may enter through the glass doors on the southwest corner of the parking lot. There will be signs and student monitors to help with this. The band will then wait in the hallway until their warm-up time begins. There will be a restroom available in this hallway if needed. School will be in session so please make sure your students stay in the contest area only.

Upon arrival, each director should check in at the contest office located in the band music library. Remember to have all of your numbered judge's scores and be sure to write your school's name on the front of each. **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 in the building. Even though restrooms are available for changing purposes, we strongly encourage you to have your students already dressed in their concert attire when they arrive on our campus. However, if it is absolutely necessary your students can change in the restrooms available outside the band room. 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:

- 1) Bass Drum
- 2) Four Timpani
- 3) Chimes
- 4) Xylophone
- 5) Risers (8", 16", 24")

Equipment needed for Sight-reading:

LEVEL IV: 5A Sub Non – Varsity:

**Snare Drum/Bass Drum
Crash Cymbals/Susp. Cymbal
Bells
Timpani**

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

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 we suggest that you have another director available to fine-tune your set-up. Please instruct your percussion section to set up for their performance. If your stage set-up changes from the original version that you sent, please fax a new one to Ben and to us as soon as possible. This would include any last minute changes.

The warm-up room will be located in the small band hall. There will be monitors in the warm-up room with your band along with a monitor in the hallway to make sure you are not distracted by activities going on outside the room. After you finish your concert performance, 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 available in the contest office.

Doors to the auditorium will be closed during each performance, and will only be opened between performances. The administration of Aldine High School wants all contest directors to remember that classes will be in session at AHS, and contest participants do not need to be allowed to explore any part of AHS. Please keep your kids together as a group, monitor their behavior, and insist that they remain as quiet as possible at all times. **Students must remain quite in the contest 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.**

Work with your transportation department and insist that your group not be dropped off at a time that is earlier than necessary, and also insist that they not pick your students up at a time that is later than necessary. The AHS Directors will work diligently in order to run a smooth contest for everyone. It should not be their responsibility to monitor the behavior of students who are not under direct supervision of their own band director.

VERY IMPORTANT: If your performance is between 7-9 a.m. please allow at least 30 minutes extra time at the time that you depart from your school. Traffic in front of our school is always difficult during these peak traffic times. If possible, you may consider arriving a little early to get properly unloaded and acclimated to the contest layout.

Finally, it is our desire to do everything that we can in order to make UIL Contest at Aldine High School to be as pleasant as possible. We also want to wish each of you the best of luck during your performances. If we can assist you in any way, please don't hesitate to call our office.

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