

New Caney High School
“Spirit Band from Eagleland”

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Dear Directors,

New Caney High School welcomes you to our campus for the 2015 Region XIX UIL North Zone Middle School Band Concert and Sight-reading Contest on Tuesday March 3 and Wednesday March 4.

Upon arrival, each director should check in at the contest office located in the Theater Arts room behind the auditorium. Remember to have all of your numbered judge’s scores and be sure to write your school’s name on the front of each score. **DON’T FORGET YOUR FORM # 1.**

Equipment trucks should unload and load at the service drive next to the band hall. Student buses should unload in the circle drive in front of the school. There will not be an area for the storage of instrument cases. All cases should be left on the buses.

Equipment truck and Bus parking will be in the lot immediately behind the Fine Arts wing. Please have your drivers follow the instructions that my students will give them when parking. At no time can an Equipment truck be left unattended in front of the entrance to the school.

A student monitor will meet your band when you arrive, and will remain with your band throughout the entire contest procedure. Please cooperate with them so the contest will run on schedule.

A stage set-up crew will be provided, but an assistant director’s help will be appreciated. The set-up crew will do their best to accommodate your exact set-up requirements. The set-up crew will begin each set-up at the curtain line. The doors to the auditorium will remain closed while a band is performing and will be opened only between performances. In order to maintain a comfortable temperature on stage, the house temperature may be colder than normal.

Equipment furnished on stage if needed:

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| 1. Bass Drum | 5. Marimba |
| 2. Timpani | |
| 3. Chimes | |
| 4. Xylophone | |

***Acoustical Shells will be used for everyone.**

We do not furnish Risers!

Equipment furnished in sight-reading:

1. Bass Drum
2. Timpani

You will need to provide all other equipment needed for your percussion section.

Percussion equipment needed for the Sight-Reading Room:

**Level 1-
(2C-3C Non-Varsity)**

Snare Drum / Bass Drum
Triangle
Bells
Crash Cymbals

**Level 2
(2C Varsity)**

Snare Drum / Bass Drum
Bells
Triangle
Crash Cymbals
Timpani (2 Drums, no tuning changes)

**Level 3
(3C Varsity)**

Snare Drum / Bass Drum
Bells
Triangle
Crash Cymbals / Suspended Cymbal
Timpani

We plan to keep this contest on schedule, so be prepared to enter the warm-up room on time. We will send for your percussion section approximately 15 minutes before your performance. Please cooperate with our monitors. They will be instructed to move your band from the warm-up room to the stage 5 minutes before your performance.

The warm-up room will be located in the choir room and the sight-reading room will be in the band hall. There will be a Node Tuner and a McAdams metronome in the warm-up room.

Please keep your students quiet in the foyer area as school will be in session. There will be **NO** concession stand this year.

We certainly want to do everything possible to make your time on the New Caney campus as pleasant as possible. I want to wish each of you the best of luck during your performances. If we can assist you in any way please do not hesitate call us. School phone: 281-577-2800 ext 5160 Cell Phone: 281-770-3310, Fax: 281-354-018.

Sincerely,
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