

To the Choral Directors of Region 19,

We look forward to hosting this year's contest in our Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Deer Park High School South Campus. The South Zone High School Choir contest will be held Thursday, April 7, and Friday April 8, 2016.

Be sure to use the West entrance of the PAC (by the cafeteria) which is located on the west end of the campus. DP Student escorts will meet you at the contest office area to take you to the warm up room (new choir room) approximately 10 minutes before your warm up time begins.

Buses should park in the stadium parking area (adjacent to the PAC) once students are unloaded. **Do not allow buses to park in the street around the school.**

Concessions will not be available during the contest.

Contest reminders

- The contest office will be in the concession stand located in the lobby of the PAC.
- The warm-up room will be in the New Choir Room.
- Sight-reading will be held in the Black Box Theatre.
- There will be 8 sections of 4 step risers on stage and in the sight-reading room.
- The warm up room will have 5 rows of built in steps (no risers).
- We will open/close the curtain for each performance.
- Students will be allowed to attend performances in the PAC but a director, chaperone or staff member should be present with them.
- Please remind your students of expected behavior in the theatre. They must remain quiet both during and in between performances to give our judges a great environment to hear and adjudicate each choir.

We will not be responsible for student bags / purses / luggage. Make provisions to take care of your own choir's needs. Backpacks, hanging bags, purses need to travel with each choir. Student monitors will not be helping with this.

Very Important (Sight Reading Room)

- The rules for the sight reading room are your responsibility to know and go over with your kids before UIL Contest. We will not read the rules to your group before they enter the room /nor will the rules be read in the contest room. Remember that students will not have to close music this year prior to the singing of the tonic chord.
- No director will be allowed to enter the sight reading room to listen to another group without the permission of the group's director and Ben Gollehon. A director will not be allowed to listen to another group singing in the same category in order to hear the sight reading piece for that level of group. Parents, fellow directors, student teachers, other school staff members and or school administrators are allowed to listen to the group sight read.

Please call if you have any questions. Best of luck to each of you as you finish preparations.

Sincerely,
Deer Park Choral Staff
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