



# Galena Park Independent School District

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Directors,

On behalf of the Galena Park Independent School District and our Fine Arts Department, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the UIL Region XIX Marching Contest to be held on Saturday, October 16 at the GPISD athletic stadium ([15025 Wallisville Rd. Houston, TX 77049](#)).

The official performance [schedule](#) is posted at <http://www.uilforms.com/regions/19/>. Maps of the GPISD athletic stadium and NSSH campus are included. Official warm-up areas will be provided inside the North Shore Senior High gymnasiums.

**Buses** will enter the stadium complex at **Castlegory**. As you exit Beltway 8 and approach the stadium on Wallisville Road, Castlegory is the second traffic light from the Beltway (on the right-hand side). Please instruct your equipment trucks to follow behind the student buses into the stadium complex. Parking workers will direct you to the designated parking area. Once unloaded, your buses and trucks will remain in the bus/truck lot until your departure. Please see maps and follow the dotted lines for buses/trucks.

**Student band monitors** will meet your band in the parking lot approximately **30 minutes** prior to your scheduled warm-up time. There are restroom facilities and water fountains available inside the NSSH cafeteria, located just across from the warm-up gyms. The band monitors will assist you in finding the warm-up gym, field entrance gate, field exit gate and locating your buses following your performance. GPISD band staff will monitor warm-up times, field entrance/exit gates and front sideline should you have any questions.

The current UIL [Constitution & Contest Rules](#) for this event will be in effect. Take time to carefully review all rules and any changes in preparation for this event. An online version of this document can be accessed at <http://www.uil.utexas.edu/policy/constitution/index.html>.

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Please be reminded of the following:

1. **Do not play while outside the gymnasiums** unless using the soccer fields north of the main building for warm-up. Groups electing to warm-up on the soccer fields must do so (1) within their posted scheduled warm-up time and (2) must **leave warm-up an additional 5 minutes early to travel to the gate** so they arrive promptly. Additional warm-up / travel time is not provided for groups electing to warm-up outside on the soccer fields.
2. Do not practice or warm-up battery percussion sections outside (unless using the soccer fields) as they are audible from the stadium.
3. Mallet percussion will have a designated area to warm-up near the pit entrance and may only do so **only when bands are not performing**. A contest official will assist in monitoring pit warm-up. The UIL Executive Secretary has made the directive that **front ensembles warming-up are not to be heard from the press box** so as not to distract from the groups performing. This will be strictly enforced.
4. No one is allowed in the press box except contest officials, competing band directors and school administrators (on the first level only).

**Spectator parking is free** and accessible from **Evanston**. There is **no admission fee** for UIL Region marching contest. Remind your students and parents that all bands will be video recorded so please keep the noise level as low as possible while bands are performing. In addition, please **remind your students not to move into or out of the seating areas while bands are performing**.

**No video recording** will be allowed from inside the press box, on the video decks or within the area designated for the judges. An area just below the press box, to the right of the 50 yard line, will be designated and identified for video recording.

Best wishes to you and your students for a smooth and successful marching event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mickey Wininger".

Mickey Wininger  
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