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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 19 at the Galena Park ISD 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 North Shore Senior High School campus are included on the Region 19 website and with this letter. Official warm-up areas will be provided inside the NSSHS 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 greet you to assist with parking after you have turned onto Castlegory. You have the option of unloading students & instruments in the *Student Drop-off Parking Lot* before your buses and trucks move to the *Bus/Truck Parking Lot* located near the *Field Exit and Pit Entrance*. Sideline percussion instruments, drum major podiums and props should be unloaded in the *Bus/Truck Parking Lot* as it is in close proximity to the *Pit Entrance*. **Please see included maps.**

Student band monitors will meet your band in the *Student Drop-off Parking Lot* area approximately **30 minutes** prior to your scheduled warm-up time. There are restroom facilities and water fountains available inside the NSSH cafeteria (located near 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, field entrance/exit gates and the front sideline should you have any questions during the course of the contest.

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.uiltexas.org/policy/constitution>.

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 do so **only when bands are not performing**. A contest official will assist in monitoring mallet percussion warm-up but it is ultimately the responsibility of each participating organization to strictly adhere to the policy of warming up **only when bands are not performing**. This is a courtesy to all bands performing and spectators alike. 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. The contest office is located on the first level of the press box. No one is allowed in the press box except contest officials, competing band directors and school administrators. The phone number for the press box is 832.386.4351.

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 press box video decks or within the area designated for the judges.

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 Winger".

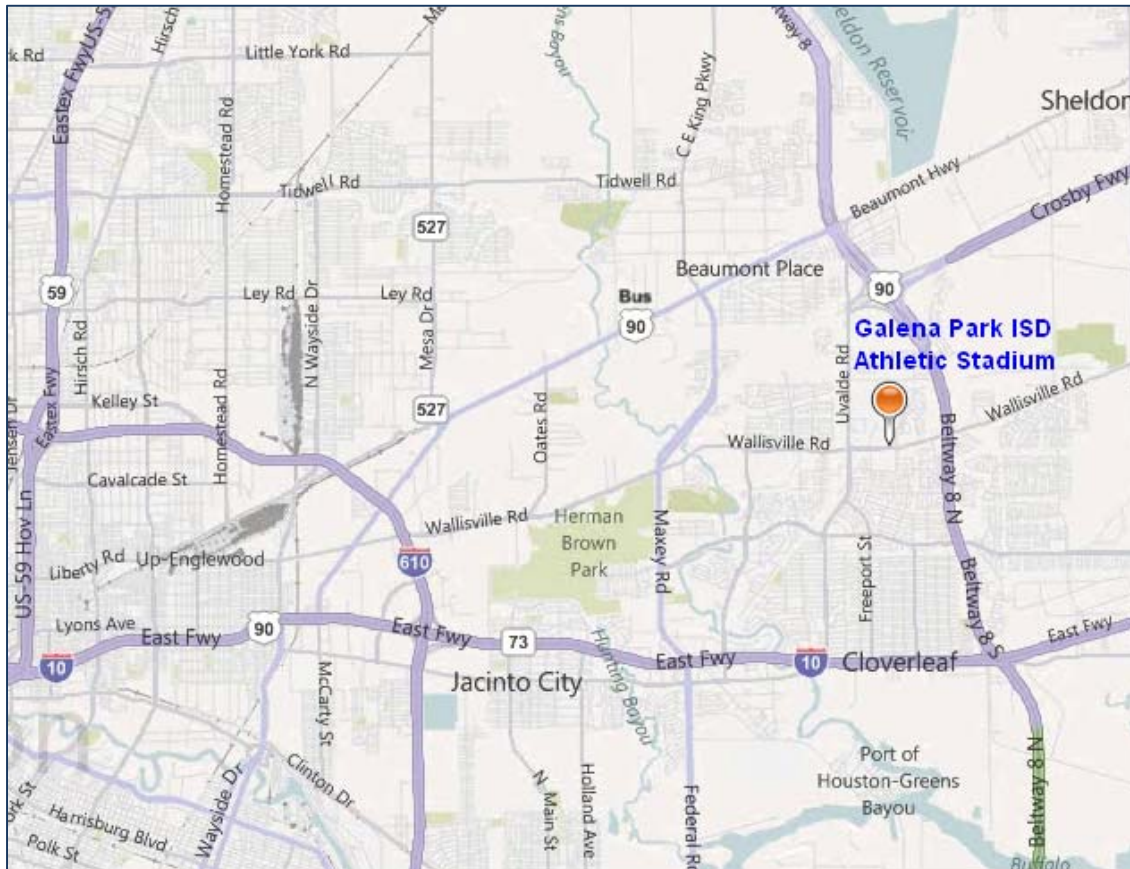
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Galena Park ISD Athletic Stadium

15025 Wallisville Road

Houston, TX 77049

The Galena Park ISD Athletic Stadium is located at 15025 Wallisville Road, just north of I-10 (East Freeway), west of Beltway 8, and east of Uvalde Rd.



When exiting Beltway 8 at Wallisville, proceed west (towards downtown Houston). Buses will enter at the Castlegory traffic light (the 2nd light west of the Beltway).

Instrument, equipment and pit trucks are to follow BEHIND the buses as you enter the stadium from Wallisville onto Castlegory.

Spectators will enter at the Evanston traffic light (the 3rd light west of the Beltway).

GPISD Athletic Stadium “Contest Day Map”



A description of each numbered location on the map is provided below

1. Buses & trucks enter at N. Castlegory from Wallisville RD
2. Buses & trucks turn LEFT onto Mustang LN
3. Buses & trucks will enter parking area to Unload Students (woodwinds, brass, colorguard, and battery percussion **can** unload here to be closer to warm-up entrance **if you choose**); band monitors will meet your band here approximately 30 minutes prior to your scheduled warm-up time
4. Buses & trucks will move to the Bus / Truck Parking Lot (pit and any props can be unloaded here to be closer to Pit Warm-up and Field Exit / Pit Entrance)
5. Warm-up gyms, cafeteria, restrooms, etc. are located inside North Shore Senior High School
6. Soccer fields (may be used as outside warm-up **only during scheduled warm-up time**)
7. Field Entrance
8. Field Exit and Pit Entrance (props may also enter here)
9. Spectator parking entrance (Evanston)
10. Spectator parking and spectator admission gate

Galena Park ISD Athletic Stadium Map



The Bus and Truck Parking Lot is located on the south side of the stadium. Pit percussion and props (if any) may be unloaded in the Bus / Truck Parking lot. The Pit Warm-up Area and Pit Entrance are on the south side of the stadium nearest the Bus / Truck Parking lot.

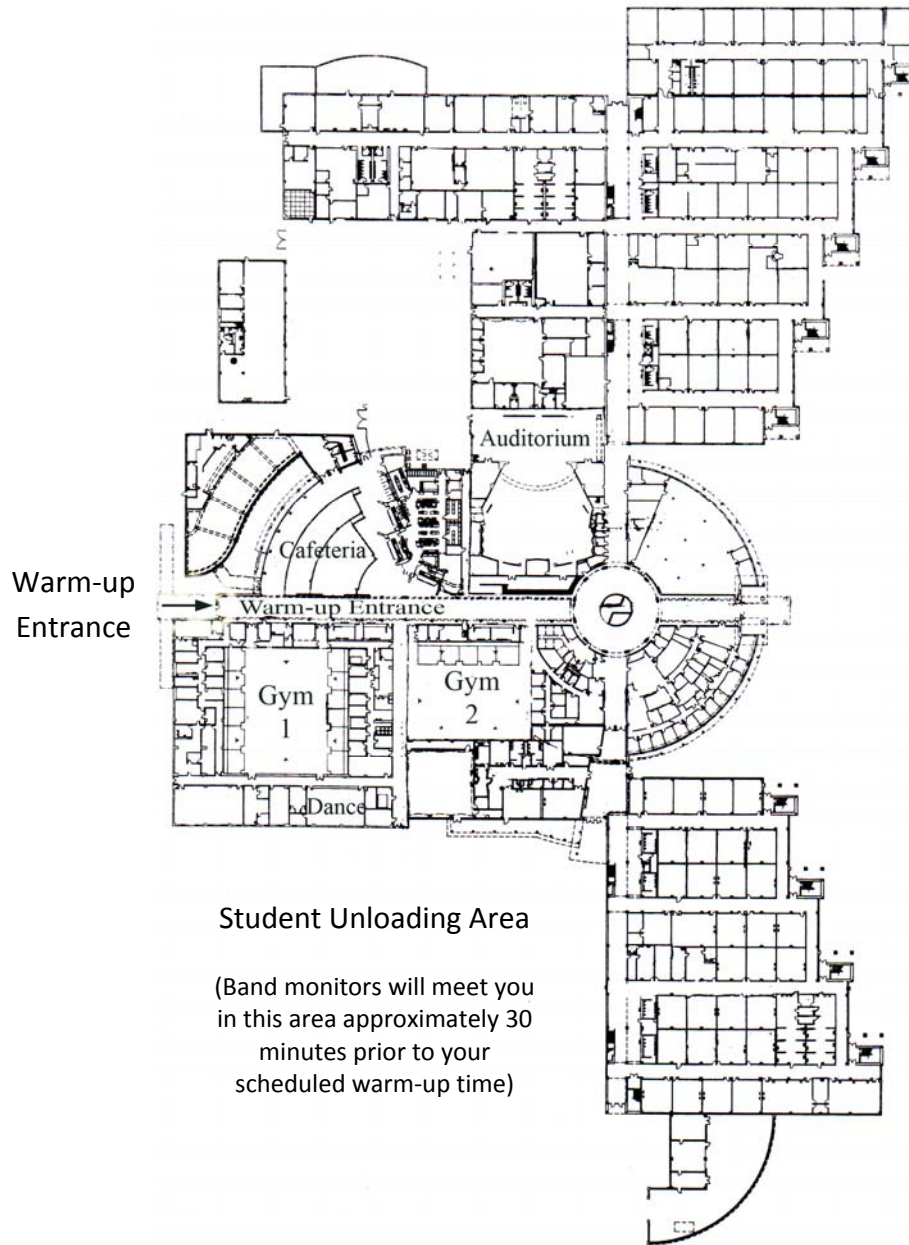
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The Field Entrance is located in the north east corner of the stadium. Following your band's performance, students will use the Field Exit in the south west corner of the stadium and return to your buses / trucks located in the Bus & Truck Parking Lot.

Student performers and chaperones (with wristbands*) may enter the stadium concourse and seating area via the ramp nearest Field Exit & Pit Entrance (south west corner).

***Chaperone wristbands are only required for Galena Park ISD Marching Band Festival and UIL Area F marching contests as no admission is charged for the UIL Region 19 Marching Contest.**

North Shore Senior High School Building Map



Restrooms, water fountains and the warm-up gymnasiums are located inside of North Shore Senior High School. Use the cafeteria entrance which is accessible from the bus loading / unloading area (follow the awning-covered sidewalk).

Band Warm-up 1 = Gym 1 & Dance Room (see above map)

Band Warm-up 2 = Gym 2 & Auditorium (see above map)

Enter warm-up at the cafeteria entrance (rear side the building, see above map)

Restrooms are located near the cafeteria and gyms