

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 Middle School Choir UIL will take place February 28, March 1 and March 2, 2017. The High School Choir UIL will take place April 19, April 20 and April 21, 2017.

Please be sure to come to Deer Park High School South Campus located at 710 West San Augustine. You will enter through the West entrance of the PAC (by the cafeteria) which is located on the west end of the campus. Deer Park Student escorts will meet you at the contest office area located in the PAC lobby. You will be escorted 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 PAC Lobby
- The warm-up room will be in the New Choir Room (New lights have been installed)
- Sight-reading will be held in the Black Box Theatre
- The choir room has 5 rows of built in steps (no risers)
- There will be 8 sections of risers on stage and in the sight-reading room
- We will open/close the curtains for each performance
- Students are allowed to attend performances in the PAC, but a director, chaperone or staff member should be present with them
- Please remind your students of behavior expectations during UIL Performances in the PAC
- Students must remain quiet both during and in between performances to give our judges the best 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, etc. need to travel with each choir. Student monitors will not be helping with this.

Very Important (Sight Reading Room)

- Please be sure you and your students are aware of the rules for the UIL Sight Reading Room. Although a director may request the rules be read at the contest, if each choir director does this the contest will not run on time.
- 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. Parents, fellow directors, student teachers, other school staff members and or school administrators are allowed to listen to the group sight read, however no one is allowed to make an audio or video recording.

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

Sincerely,
Deer Park Choral Staff
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