**MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND AND CHOIR PROTOCOLS**

So far, we have been able to have our contest without Covid issues. However, we know that it is still here. We must be vigilant in our efforts to keep our children safe.

UIL requires that we follow all local district and campus protocols.

We will be doing basically the same as last year except, we will allow guest to listen in the auditorium. HOWEVER, NOT IN SIGHT READING PER DISTRICT REQUEST. All guest, I mean ALL guest, must enter and exit through the auditorium doors. They must stay in the contest area at all times and not, repeat NOT go on the main campus. This includes directors, staff, bus drivers, students, parents, custodians, welders, dentist, doctors, lawyers and Indian chiefs.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM EVERYONE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL.

I will hold each school and their director responsible for any violations. PLEASE make sure you let your administration, parents, bus drivers, etc. to follow these procedures.

* NO ONE IS TO ENTER THROUGH THE CAMPUS MAIN DOORS. Please make sure everyone understands that this is to insure everyone’s safety.
* READ THE HOST LETTER AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS
* ALL BUSSES and equipment trucks will park in the parking lot in front of the auditorium and as close to the road as possible
* The biggest issue last year was when school let out and parents and busses are picking up students. MAKE SURE THAT SOMEONE IS WITH THE EQUIPMENT TRUCK THE ENTIRE TIME YOU ARE UNLOADING AND LOADING EQUIPMENT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THE ONLY TIME IT CAN BE LEFT ALONE IS WHEN IT IS PARKED IN THE BUS PARKING AREA. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!
* EVERY BAND MUST HAVE A DIRECTOR OR CHAPERONE WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES.

The following are the host school’s letter and further instructions. **READ THEM CAREFULLY.**

**GOOD LUCK. LET’S HAVE ANOTHER WONDERFUL CONTEST EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED.**

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Region 10, UIL Music

Executive Secretary

**ENTRY & EXIT – Competing Bands, Directors and Chaperones**

You will be asked to enter at the auditorium steps.  Please be lined up with all band members 10 minutes before your warm-up time.  We will then take you to the choir room.  Obviously, please stay quiet in the hallways so all performing groups do not have any distractions.  I want to make sure we have smooth transitions.   Buses will park in the lot closest to Wilson St. **BE ADVISED, FROM 3:30-3:45 PM THIS AREA WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR AFTER SCHOOL STUDENT PICKUP. PLAN AHEAD.**

There will be a concession area available as you head to the holding area at the picnic tables. The contest office will be housed in one of the Art rooms across from the Band Hall.

**Directors** – Please complete and email me the general Band Set-up document for your band and include any percussion equipment that you would like to use. Please get the form to me ASAP or before March 25.

**Parents, Chaperones, and Guests**

We are allowing parents, chaperones, and directors to attend the performances.  They **DO NOT** need to check in the front.  Just simply walk to the auditorium and enjoy their child’s performance.  Once the band starts performing, we will not allow them to enter after that.  I don’t mind if they stand next to the door to listen.  I want to make sure there are **NO** distractions at this contest.  Once the stage performance is done, they can go home.  Parents are not allowed to go into the sight-reading room.  Directors, once your band’s performance is done, please exit with them.

**Percussion:** We will have the following percussion instruments on hand for use during the contest.

* **Concert** – Bass Drum, Chimes, Bells, Marimba, Vibraphone, Xylophone, Timpani (32, 29, 26, 23)
* *Please fill out the attached form and email to me*
* **Sight Reading-** All Sight Reading instruments will be available.

**Driving Directions** – Please visit the link here for [Google Maps](https://maps.google.com/)**.** In the search bar click on the link for Directions, then enter your address for the starting point and enter Groves Middle School for your destination. Our physical address is listed below if you want to use GPS navigation.  You will see a small parking area to your left once you turn into the school.  My principal does not want any buses/loading trucks preventing parents from picking up their child from school that day.