

GCCISD Orchestra UIL Concert & Sightreading Contest
Thursday, March 18, 2021
Highlands JS Auditorium

Dear Directors,
Highlands Junior welcomes you to our 2021 UIL Concert & Sightreading Competition for GCCISD.

On the day of:

Buses should enter on the west side of the school and drive around to the back and around to the bus ramp. Pull all the way up to the side gate and unload. Have your students walk across the front of the school and enter through the front entrance. Students will quietly wait in the front lobby while the director checks into the school and contest office. There is a bench in the lobby they can sit at or stand silently. This is also where the bathrooms are located. Our campus has a 3 person limit in the restroom due to Covid. (If it is bad weather we will have a back-up entrance plan)
MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES BY ALL PARTICIPANTS. No outside visitors are allowed on campus except contest participants. Please hand sanitize upon entering the building.

After check-in, your group will be shown to the hallway behind the audience area of the auditorium to unpack. Be **SILENT** in this hallway, because the judges can hear you. If your group cannot do this silently then they need to unpack on the bus. We may be alternating the unpacking area so that one group leaving does not interfere with another group arriving. You and your group will then be escorted to the stage. We will have 1 stand to 1 person set up on the stage and the chairs spread out **BUT** you may move them to accommodate your personal set-up. There will be 1 tuner mounted per stand for your student use. We only have an hour so your procedure needs to move as quickly as possible so that you can make the most out of your time on stage. You will warm-up, perform your concert portion and sightread all on stage during your window of time. The judges will be in the contest office during your 25 minute warm-up. This means that if you have a 1:00 start time, then the judges will walk back into the auditorium at 1:25 to start your concert portion. When you are done, your group will quickly and quietly pack up and leave through the side exit directly from the auditorium.

We will clean each tuner, chair and stand between groups.

BRING your own bass stools, roc stops, floor straps, **form 1 signed and scores numbered** and your own tuners if you prefer them.

I look forward to hosting this competition. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns; 409-658-6074 (cell), cindy.mcmurrey@gccisd.net or school ext 66231.

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SCHEDULE:

7:40am GCM HS 2nd Group

8:40am Sterling HS 2nd Group

9:40am Lee HS Top Group

10:45am GCM HS Top Group

11:50am Sterling HS Top Group
(Judges' lunch at 11:50 during Sterling Warm-up)

1:00pm Baytown JS

2:00pm Horace Mann JS

3:00pm Gentry JS

4:00pm Highlands JS 2nd Group

4:40pm Cedar Bayou JS

5:30pm Highlands JS Top Group

(The last 3 groups have less time on stage because they will tune in the orchestra room)

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Exception – High School Varsity has an additional 5 minutes for sightreading because they have an additional minute for their instructional period.