



To the Middle School Choral Directors of Region 19,

We look forward to hosting this year's contest in Gaines Mason Auditorium at Deer Park High School ***North Campus*** on Wednesday, March 10, and Thursday, March 11, 2021. Please be sure that you come to Deer Park High School ***North Campus*** located at 402 Ivy Ave. You will enter through the Main entrance to Gaines Mason Auditorium of Ivy Ave.

COVID 19 – ADJUSTMENTS FOR UIL

1. There is no holding area or changing area for students. Please come dressed in your concert attire and do not bring a change of clothes.
2. We will not be providing an area for backpacks, technology devices or clothing, nor will we have shopping carts to hold them. Those items should be left behind at your home campus unless medically necessary.
3. While in DPSID facilities that are not being used as a warm up room, concert or sight reading, students should maintain social distancing and wear masks.
4. When your students are participating in UIL activities in the warm up room, concert or sight reading you may follow your district/campus protocols for Covid 19 mitigation.
5. We ask that no one plan on staying at UIL for any time longer than their choirs assigned times. If the requested/created schedule requires an ensemble to perform again on the same day (a varsity treble that performed as part of a varsity mixed), those students and director(s)/chaperones would need to sit in Gaines Mason with their students socially distanced until their next warm up time.
6. Choirs should arrive 20 minutes before their designated warm up time. If weather permits, you may unload the bus(es) and wait outside the building until the escort brings you into the campus with all students masked.
7. Buses can wait in the adjacent parking lot.
8. To minimize exposure for all, there will be one student escort. They will bring you into the school 5 minutes prior to your warm up start time. Once you start to enter the warm up room the timer will start and the student escort will leave the room and only return for reminders of your time left. When the student escort calls time the judges will enter the auditorium for your concert evaluation.
9. Curtains will remain open for the warm up and concert portion of UIL. After your concert portion is completed, your choir will be led to the choir room for sight reading. Per UIL guidelines, each student will receive their own copy of sight reading that will be destroyed/shredded after one use.
10. When you have completed your sight reading performance, choirs will be led outside to wait for their bus(es), weather permitting, while the director(s) wait to receive adjudication comments/ratings and awards where applicable.
11. In the event we have inclement weather. Students will travel or be held inside the building in a designated space or pathway, socially distanced and wearing masks.

12. We ask that students be monitored at all times by a director or parent chaperone.
13. DPISD will allow parents/administrators to watch the ***concert portion only*** due to the size of the rooms we are using. Seating in the PAC should be socially distanced. No parents/administrators should enter the warm up or sight reading rooms due to Covid-19 and the size of the rooms.
14. Parents/administrators that travel separate from your choir to watch the concert portion will need to enter through the same entrance to the building the choirs are using which is the entrance to Gaines Mason off of Ivy. Parking is marked on the map.

Please bring your Form 1's for concert and sight reading evaluation. Each school district should include on the Form 1 the students who will be performing with the ensemble – whether or not the school district is permitting academically ineligible students to participate. Therefore, the Form 1 contains the names of the students that the school district says is eligible to participate.

Contest reminders

- The contest office will be located in the lobby of Gaines Mason Auditorium
- The warm-up room will be in the stage of Gaines Mason
- There will be 10 sections of 4 step risers set up on the stage
- The sight reading room will be the Choir Room. The approximate dimensions of the room are 53' wide by 34' deep. There are 3 built in risers so there are a total of 4 rows possible when you use the floor.
- Curtains will remain open for the concert

Sight Reading Information

- 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.

Please follow your district's Covid-19 guidelines for screening prior to your arrival at Deer Park High School South Campus.

Please call or email jdove@dpisd.org if you have any questions. Best of luck to each of you as you finish your preparations.

Sincerely,

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