

GOOSE CREEK MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL PATRIOT BAND



Directors: Shawn Schultz, Seth Barrios, and Scott Haney

Dear Directors,

We would like to welcome you to Goose Creek Memorial High School for the 2025 UIL Band Concert & Sight-Reading Evaluation on March 26-27.

Directions

Our school is located on the corner of Wallisville Rd and N Main St. The best way to arrive at the school is to take I-10E into Baytown. Take Exit 793 (Main St) and turn North at the light. You will continue straight on Main St. until you see the school on the left. Go through the light at Wallisville to the parking lot with the band tower.

Parking and Entering the Building

Buses and Equipment trucks will park in the parking lot on the east side of the school (with the band tower). You will enter with your band at the marked entrance on this side of the building. Large percussion equipment can be unloaded on the curb by the band trailer and taken through a separate entrance. **Cases should be left on the bus or in the equipment truck.** After students and equipment trucks have been unloaded, please move buses and trucks to the far end of the student parking lot until it is time to load again.

Spectators will also park in this lot and will receive a visitor's pass to enter the building.

Restrooms

Student representatives will meet you in the parking lot and lead you into the main hallway of our building. This hallway is our waiting area with restrooms available. Because of traffic flows and potential noise, please instruct your students not to leave the group or a guide. We strongly encourage you to have your students dressed upon arrival as we do not provide dressing rooms.

Check In

Upon arrival, each director should check in with the contest office located in the Auxillary Band Hall across from the large Band Hall. Remember to have your judge's scores numbered and be sure to write your school's name on the front of each. **Don't forget your FORM 1!**

Equipment provided by GCM

There will be enough chairs and stands for each group in the warm-up room, stage, and sight-reading rooms. A Harmony Director, Peterson Tuner, and McAdams metronome will be available in the warm-up room.

Equipment available on stage:

Xylophone

Marimba

Bells

Gong

Piano

Bass Drum

Four Timpani

Chimes

If you require risers, you must bring them with you.

We will not furnish mallets, sticks, cymbals, snare drums or accessories.

Equipment for Sight-Reading: We will provide bass drum, timpani, and bells for the sight-reading room. All other percussion instruments, sticks, and mallets must be provided by your school.

Sight Reading Percussion Instrumentation:

All Non-Varsity Bands – Level 1 – Snare, Bass, Bells, Crash Cymbals, Timpani (Bb, Eb)

2C Varsity – Level 2 – Snare, Bass, Bells, Timpani (F, Bb), Crash Cymbals, Triangle

3C Varsity – Level 3 – Snare, Bass, Bells, Timpani (Bb, Eb, F), Crash Cymbals, Sus. Cymbal, Triangle

Contest Flow

We will do our best to keep the contest running on schedule, so please be prepared to enter the warm-up room on time and plan to leave the warm-up room 5 minutes early. We will have a stage crew to set up your band, but we suggest that you have another director available to fine tune your setup. Please instruct your percussion section to set up for the performance. They will be able to set up on stage during the band's scheduled warm up time at the conclusion of the performance in front of you. If your stage set up changes from a version you sent, please send an updated one to Shawn Schultz or Ben as soon as possible.

Doors to the auditorium will be closed during each performance. The administration of GCM and the directors would like to remind you that classes are still in session. Please do not allow students to roam or allow them to leave the group. Students must remain quiet in the hallways due to the proximity of the performance areas.

Please be aware that GCM student volunteers will not be allowed to watch students without a director. Plan for another director or parent chaperone to monitor your students when you are unavailable.

If you need a holding area for your students due to transportation conflicts, please email me at your earliest convenience.

VERY IMPORTANT: Our school hours are from 7:20-2:50 so if your warm-up time is on or around the start and end times of our school day, please plan extra transportation time into your itinerary to accommodate increased traffic in the area.

We wish to do everything in our power to ensure that you and your students have an educational and successful experience here at GCM. If at any time before, during, or after your performance you have an issue, please do not hesitate to let me know. We wish you the best of luck on your performances.

Thank you,

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