

To the Middle School Choral Directors of GCCISD & BHISD,

We look forward to hosting this year's evaluation at **Barbers Hill High School** on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

**9696 Eagle Drive
Mont Belvieu, TX 77580**

Please read the following carefully as contest will look a little different from previous years:

1. Choirs arriving early will wait on their bus in the Band Parking Lot. At 10 minutes prior to Warm-up time, buses will drive through the circle in front of the high school and drop students off at the far left tower entrance to the fine arts wing. (Please refer to the BHHS Map).
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Please plan to arrive early so that we stay on schedule. Directors may enter to check-in at the contest office, but all students and chaperones must stay on their bus until 10 minutes prior to warm-up.
5. Each school will have a student escort. They will bring you into the school 10 minutes prior to your warm up start time. Once you start to enter the warm up room the timer will start. You will have 20 minutes.
6. Curtains will remain open when you enter the stage for the concert portion of UIL. After your concert portion is completed, you will be led to the Percussion room for sight-reading.
7. When you have completed your sight-reading performance, choirs will be led to the Band Parking lot where their bus(es) should be parked, while the director(s) wait to receive adjudication comments/ratings and awards where applicable.
8. In the event we have inclement weather. Students will travel or be held inside the building in a designated space or pathway.
9. We ask that students be monitored at all times by a director or parent chaperone.
10. 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 Tower entrance to the Fine Arts wing (marked on the map).

Please bring your Form 1's for concert and sight-reading evaluation, signed by your principal. 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 Fine Arts lobby where you and your choir will enter.
- The warm-up room will be in the Choir room (7 sections of 4-step risers)
- Concert will be on stage (7 sections of 4-step risers)
- The sight reading room will be the Percussion Room (6 sections of 4-step risers)
- 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 call or email nikki.taleno@bhisd.net if you have any questions. Good luck everyone!

Sincerely,

Nikki Taleno

BHHS Choir