

Dear Region 19 Choir Directors,

I have been tasked with making the Middle School UIL Schedule for both contests since Margaret Jordan will be a judge for both contests. The first contest is being held on March 10 – 11 at Deer Park High School North Campus, Gaines Mason Auditorium. If you are on spring break that week, you will have a different contest date. The later contest is on Thursday, March 27 at Barbers Hill High School. Please read the instructions based on the contest you are attending.

**For those of you attending the first contest on March 10-11–**

Your entry deadline is Monday, February 10. I will need your time conflicts/requests sent to me by February 10<sup>th</sup> – [jdove@dpisd.org](mailto:jdove@dpisd.org)

**For those of you attending the second contest on March 27 –**

Your entry deadline is Tuesday, February 25. I will need your time conflicts/requests sent to me by February 25<sup>th</sup> – [jdove@dpisd.org](mailto:jdove@dpisd.org)

Everyone needs to be aware that these events are separated into a two-day contest and a one-day contest. The flexibility in granting requests is much more difficult than when we schedule a three-day or four-day contest all together. Communication is key.

Here are the things I need from you to try and make this work:

1. Your cell phone number in case I need to discuss a situation with you to speed up the email process
2. Accompanists – If possible do not share, but please make sure the accompanist is listed on your entry forms – your accompanist needs to be available to you all day that day, we will not be able to honor time requests based on accompanist availability. When we have less contest days to work with there is less flexibility.
3. Athletics and Cheer Conflicts SCHOOL SPONSORED ONLY
  - a. As we get closer to the entry deadlines, please communicate with your coaches about the students you share and the track events or tennis tournaments they are competing in. My hope is we can find some compromise so students can participate up to a later time at UIL and be transported over in time for their track meet.
  - b. High School Cheer Try outs – please check with dates of tryouts and auditions. We can do our best, but with limited days we may not be able to avoid this type of conflict.
4. If you have no special requests, please email and say “No Special Requests needed for my school.” – these emails will be greatly coveted 😊.

I will do my best with the information each school and district gives me to set the UIL schedule. The more accurate the information is as the deadline approaches, the better off we will be. Any ensemble you have that does not have a track meet conflict – I need to know so they can have an afternoon time slot.

Any questions or concerns please contact me at 832-668-7169 (officer) or 713-806-0745 (cell)

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