



Dear Directors,

On behalf of the Deer Park Independent School District, we would like to welcome you to the 2025 Region 19 UIL Middle School Vocal Concert and Sight-Reading Evaluation on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 10-11-12, 2025. Please be sure to familiarize your students with the location and the rules for this contest. You will find directions and a map of our building on the Region 19 website. The host site is at Deer Park High School North Campus located at 402 Ivy Avenue. Be aware there are railroad tracks to cross. There are sometimes trains in the mornings that cause delays. To avoid this possibility from happening here are the alternate routes. If you are coming in on 225 from the West (Beltway 8) – take the Georgia exit and you will avoid the train. If you are coming in on 225 from the East (146) – take the East St. exit and you will avoid the train.

Upon arrival, please have students enter the main entrance to Gaines Mason Auditorium off of Ivy Avenue. Please be aware that the lobby is not a large lobby. No more than one choir at a time will be able to enter the lobby. If a student needs handicap accessibility that entrance will be to the right of the main entrance of Gaines Mason.

The event schedule is located on the Region 19 UIL webpage.

Please be advised of the following:

1. No one will be allowed to enter the auditorium once the choir has entered the stage. Audience members will sit in the back of the auditorium, behind the judges, during the performance. Choirs may not stay in the auditorium all day.
2. A director or sponsor must supervise the students at all times.
3. Misbehavior in the audience will not be tolerated. We want every choir to have the ideal performing and recording conditions.
4. There will be no recording devices, radios, CD/MP3 players, headsets, or cell phones allowed at the contest site. Directors with cell phones are asked to make sure they are off upon arrival. Cell phones could possibly interfere with the recording equipment.
5. There will be no concession stand available.
6. We will not be responsible for student bags, purses, or luggage. Please make provisions to take care of your choir's needs. There will not be any place to store these items.
7. All Choirs and guests must enter the building through the Gaines Mason Auditorium entrance off of Ivy.
8. Buses may wait in the adjacent Southwest parking lot (see map).
9. There will be 8 four step risers in the warm-up room (Black Box) and 8 four step risers 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. The built in risers are deep so you

could double up on each row if you the want the students to be closer together and/or closer to you.

10. The auditorium curtain will open and close for each performance.

11. As you face your choir the students on your left will be leading on and off from each area.

#### Sight-reading Room

1. The rules for the sight-reading room are your responsibility to know and go over with your students before the UIL Evaluation. The schedule cannot be followed if groups request the rules to be read.
2. No director will be allowed to enter the sight-reading room to listen to another group without the permission of the group's director and Ben Gollehon. A director will not be allowed to listen to another group singing in the same category in order to hear the sight-reading piece for that level of group. Parents, fellow directors, student teachers and other school staff and administrators are allowed to listen to their group sight-read. Remind those in attendance that recording is not allowed.
3. If your choir is scheduled to perform first in the morning or first after lunch, you may warm-up on the stage.

If you have questions or concerns please contact me,

Sincerely,

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