



DEKANNEY HIGH SCHOOL

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Spring Independent School District

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Region 33 High School Choir Directors:

The High School Choir Non-Varsity UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Assessment will be held on March 26th and 27th at Dekaney High School. Dekaney's physical address is as follows:

Dekaney High School
22351 Imperial Valley Dr.
Houston, TX 77073

Arrival Instructions:

Please enter the main campus from the 9th grade campus driveway located on Imperial Valley Drive. There is a stop light at the intersection of Double Tree Glen and Imperial Valley. This is where you will turn into the driveway.

As you come up the driveway, you will see that you are between the 9th grade campus and the south end of the main campus. There is a gated area a little way up the drive on your right. Buses will drop off and pick up choirs directly outside of the gate. ***All visitors will enter the main campus through door #12.*** It is imperative that everyone enter in this manner. Campus administration has asked us to avoid mixing the assessment with the population of the campus during school hours. Visiting adults should have school badges or photo ID.

Procedures:

There will be a 20-minute, 3-part rotation which will include a vocal warm up in room 1527, a concert performance in the PAC, and a sight-reading assessment session in room 1519. Please note that the warm up time includes the transition time to the performance stage.

When choirs arrive, they will be escorted to 1523C to wait until it is their designated time to enter the vocal warm up room. At this time directors will turn in their UIL Form #1 and clinician's copies of music to the UIL office in room 1525. Please make sure that measures are labeled in the music, and that the school's name is notated.

To ensure smooth transition from the stage to sight-reading portion, please arrange your students for how you would like them to stand for sight-reading before exiting the stage. The rules for the sight-reading room are your responsibility to know and go over with your students before the assessment. Rules will not be read in the sight-reading room. Please let the room monitor know the time warnings you would like announced before you begin.

When you enter the sight-reading room students will proceed to the risers and the director will walk to the area designated for the "director study period." The time keeper will then say, "you

may begin" and you will have one minute to study the score. If there is another director with you they may check and make sure students are in their correct positions for sight-reading. At the conclusion of the one minute director study period you will walk to the music stand in front of the group and the process will begin as we have done in the past.

Clarification: At the completion of the instruction period, the students will be given the tonic chord, in broken or block chord style, and only **the students may reproduce the tonic chord** Director may not sing it with them. The director is only allowed to sing the starting pitch with each section prior to both readings.

Miscellaneous:

Each room will have eight sections of 4 step risers, one piano, and one music stand for the director. Students will both enter and exit the concert stage from stage right. Students will enter the sight-reading room risers from stage left. Please remind students in advance, that as they transition through each component of the assessment process, they need to limit talking so they don't disrupt other participating ensembles.

There will not be any place for students to securely store personal belongings or cell phones. It would be best if they leave these items behind at their home campus. No food or drink is permitted in the Dekaney Star Auditorium.

If students need to use the restroom, there are bathrooms available at the end of the 1500 hallway near the band hall. Restrooms are not available for changing into concert attire. Students must be supervised by an adult at all times. Please do not leave the 1500 hallway, or exit out of the lobby of the Star Auditorium at any time.

Exit Instructions:

After the sight-reading session, students will be escorted to room 1508 to wait until directors have picked up comment sheets and music. The UIL office will be in room 1525. Please exit the building through door #12. Buses will pick up students at the same place they dropped off.

Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns, or if you need any special accommodations. My cell phone number is (806) 220-1670 and Killian Watt's cell phone number is (832) 445-8928. We are providing this information should need to reach either of us during the event.

Sincerely,



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