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Dear Directors,

Welcome to Lindale Eagle Stadium for the UIL Area C 2A & 4A Open Class Marching Band Contest on Saturday, October 21, 2023. Attached you will find maps to help you with the logistics of your contest day.

Special notes regarding maps and spectator parking.

 Spectator parking will be on the home side of the stadium with overflow at the 1st Methodist Church Parking lot and the visitor side of Eagle Stadium. Make sure your parents are aware that spectator parking on the home side is limited and they should allow a little extra time to park if they have to use the overflow lots. This has been our biggest complaint so please communicate with your parents). We would hate for them to miss the band/bands they are coming to see. The parking at the Methodist Church is located at 402 W Hubbard St, Lindale, TX 75771. It is directly across Hwy 16 from warm up area B.

There is a \$8 entry fee to the Area Contest.

As you arrive at the contest, please help by following these procedures:

- Have your buses enter Eagle Stadium at the second entrance (see map) to the home side parking lot and park in the dedicated bus parking area. I will have parking attendants there to help. Dressing rooms and restrooms are available just inside the stadium entrance. Please send several chaperones with your students and remain with them while they are changing, etc. <u>Check the restrooms after they leave</u>. Please monitor your students. If the restrooms need attention, please call me and let me know.
- Equipment trucks/trailers loading and unloading will be at East End of the Stadium. You can enter at the corner of W North and W Boyd Street. Parking in this area is limited so after you perform, you will need to load your equipment and move your trucks to parallel park on Bell Street (see the map). <u>Trucks and Trailers that only carry band instruments can be stationed by your buses in the main parking lot.</u>
- 3. A student worker will meet you in the bus parking area and will inform the contest office that you have arrived. This student worker can also take any forms or anything else you need to turn in to the contest office for you. Also, you will be informed of the time that you will need to begin moving to warm-up.
- 4. A student worker will escort you to your warm-up area. There will be 3 warm up areas; Warm up A is in the Courtyard of College Street Elementary, while Warm up B and C are in the parking lots of College Street Elementary (B) and the Church of Christ (C)(see map). Please stress the importance of keeping this area quiet and to not disturb bands that are already warming up. Please be sure all warming-up is done facing away from the stadium. Please ask percussion to play softer than usual, as that particular sound will carry into the stadium. We will have three front ensemble warm up areas marked A, B and C on the map. Your front ensemble warm up area will be the same as your band's.

- 5. You will have 45 minutes in the warm-up area (if you get there on time). This 45-minute schedule includes time for the preceding band to exit and for your band to enter the warm-up area and for your exit as well. A student worker will inform you of the time that you will need to leave the warm-up area and move to the stadium. Please be thoughtful that the student workers are trying their best to follow the schedule as it is printed. If there is a timing issue, please call me immediately so that we, the adults, can solve the problem.
- 6. Upon the conclusion of your warm-up time, a student worker will escort you to the stadium. This must be done on time in order to keep the contest on schedule.
- 7. The announcer will attempt to read your script with clarity and accuracy. If you have any names/titles that might be out of the ordinary, please include a phonetical spelling of that name(s)/title(s) that will help the announcer's pronunciation. Re-submit your "script" to Mr. Bullock if necessary.
- 8. The field entrance is located by the locker rooms on the visitor side. There are two double gate entrances so you will have ample room to get your band, front ensemble and props onto the field.
- 9. Will Ross from Chapel Hill HS will be running the field crew so you will be in great hands.
- 10. When your band is finished performing, they will exit at the east end of the field and go up the stairs on the home side. This will drop them in the parking lot by your equipment trucks and trailers. A student worker will escort you back to your buses down the bus lane between the stadium and the elementary campus.
- 11. TRASH there will be dumpsters located in the home side spectator, bus and equipment truck parking. Please have your boosters put the collected trash from your bands in these dumpsters.

12. PRE ORDERED MEALS FOR YOU AND YOUR BAND STUDENTS

- This year the Lindale Band Boosters are offering a \$8 meal deal for you and your students. It will include a choice of a Hamburger, Hot Dog, 2 Pizza Slices, or Chili Cheese Nachos along with a bag of chips, snack item and bottle of water.
- All you need to do is fill out the google form for your order (see attached link), tell us the time you want your band to eat and the Boosters will have it ready for you. Copy and paste the link below into your browser.

https://forms.gle/2F4UMQ6RfLeaonnBA

- When you arrive at the stadium, your guide will give you tickets for the meals you have ordered. You will simply give the tickets to your band students and they will come to the designated window at the time you requested on the home side concession stand to get their meal. It's that easy. (In the event they don't come at the time you requested, as long as they have a ticket, they will be served their meal).
- We will send you an invoice and you can pay with a school check on the day of the contest.

Directions to Lindale Stadium

Coming from I-20 and traveling north on Hwy 69

- Travel to Hwy 16 (it is the 5th stop light counting the one at Walmart as the first one) and turn left
- Go to the first stop sign and Equipment trucks can turn right on N College Street
- Go to North Street turn left
- The stadium will be straight ahead
- Buses will proceed straight on Hwy 16. The stadium is on the right just past the second stop sign.
- Follow parking instructions on the stadium map

Coming from Mineola and traveling South on Hwy 69

- Turn right at the first stop light which is Hwy 16
- Go to the first stop sign and Equipment trucks can turn right on N College Street
- Go to North Street and turn left
- The stadium will be straight ahead
- Buses will proceed straight on Hwy 16. The stadium is on the right just past the second stop sign
- Follow parking instructions on the stadium map

Coming off of Hwy 849

- Equipment trucks can take a right on Hwy 16 and then a left on N College Street (1st Stop Sign)
- Go to North Street and turn left (end of the rock wall by elementary school).
- The stadium will be straight ahead
- Buses can take a left at the stop sign and the stadium is on the right.
- Follow parking instructions on the stadium map

Coming from Van on Hwy 16 E

- Buses, the stadium on your left.
- Equipment trucks turn left on N College Street (second stop sign past the stadium)
- Go to North Street and turn left
- The stadium will be straight ahead
- Follow parking instructions on the stadium map
- 13. To get to the spectator overflow parking on the visitor's side, your parents should take North College Street to Mallory Street and take a left, the stadium will be on the left a couple of blocks down Mallory.
- 14. Attached to your email will be two stadium maps. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.
- 15. We will be selling the official UIL Area Patch on the home side. Just look for our band booster booth.
- 16. Pep Wear will be here selling other contest related merchandise.
- 17. Handicapped parking is available on both the home and visitor side by the stadium entrance and in front of the adjacent elementary school. We should have parking attendants to assist with transport when needed.

- 18. In the event of inclement weather, the contest will be moved to Lindale HS and our new indoor facility. It is a full 100 yards. 80 yards 10-yard line to 10-yard line with full field markings and two end zones. Warm ups will be in our large band hall and auxiliary gym. More details later if necessary. Please call if you have any questions (office – 903-881-4140, cell – 903-752-0390).
- 19. I will not be able to attend the contest this year. If you have questions on the day of the contest please call Weston Fisher 903-521-0251, Susan Scott 830-613-8193 or Jaylon Stewart 903-941-8125.





Field Flow Instructions

Groups will move from Warm-up A, B, or C to the HOLD area. If your group has a front ensemble, sound equipment, props, drum-major stands, etc. they may move to the red HOLD area indicated. Movement of front ens., etc. is allowed during the previous band's performance, but every effort must be made to avoid being a distraction to the performing group, judges, or audience. Then, during the previous band's 2-minute exit, your group will move to the yellow boxed READY position using any space within those boxes with the appropriate group. You will receive a verbal countdown indicating you may take the field for setup/warm up, starting your 5-minute . clock.

Neither performers nor equipment are allowed on the 100-yard performance surface before the 5-minute clock starts. Marching students may <u>not</u> stage READY position past the zero yard line. Front ens, props, equipment, etc. may not stage past the 20 yard line.

Bands should exit to the front and go up the SouthEast stairs and out the gate. Front ens, props, equipment, etc. should exit Gate 2.

Questions? Please email or call me.

Mike Bullock UIL Region 21 Executive Secretary

