

2009 Middle School Choral UIL Contest Guidelines

Dates –Wednesday-March 11th

Location – Strickland Middle School, Denton ISD
324 E. Windsor
Denton, TX 76209

Please see attached maps of travel to SMS, SMS Campus, and dining ideas

Contest Procedures

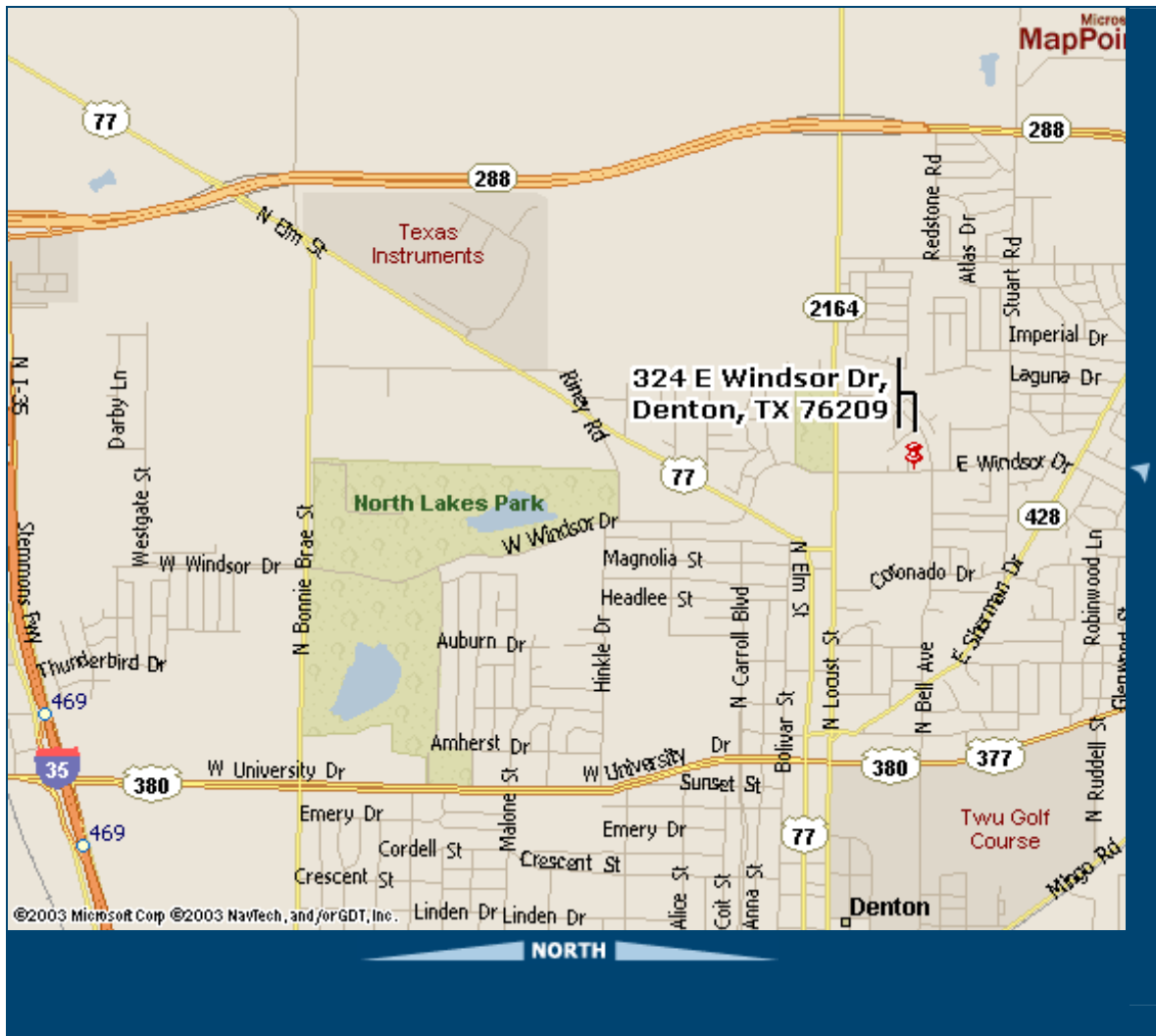
- Buses should drop off choirs at the North entrance on Windsor (front entrance to the school) bus parking will be to the west side of the school – please follow the driveway around the back of the school.
- All bus drivers are asked to stay with the buses for duration of their groups contest, as we may have to move buses in a limited space quickly.
- Directors should enter through the front of the building and go to the check-in/out room (theatre room #162)
- Choral groups may enter through the front entrance, if they are early or have finished, to go to the auditorium to watch other choirs. Other wise, choirs will go to the COURTYARD by the main entrance to wait for their contest to begin. Choirs will be called from the courtyard to the Warm-up room at their appropriate time. *REMEMBER to keep quiet in the courtyard, as other choirs are warming-up and performing just inside the building.
- At check-in, please remember to bring your judge's copies of music (numbered measures☺) and your form 1. At check in your choir will be assigned a choir guide who will take you to the appropriate places for the duration of the contest.
- After waiting in the courtyard, choirs will be called into the Choir room (rm # 161) for warm-up, by their choir guide. The choirs will have the allotted time for warm up as stated in UIL policy. While we do ask that groups do not bring in any unnecessary items, there will be a cart to hold any items for your group. They may pick up these items at the finish of your contest time – Strickland MS cannot be held responsible for any lost/stolen items – please encourage all students to leave unnecessary items at school or on the bus – NO CELL PHONES, MP3 PLAYERS, CD PLAYERS, etc....
- After warm-up, groups will be escorted to the stage/concert area.

- After concert, choirs will be escorted to the Band Hall (rm # 160) for Sight Reading.
- After completing your contest in the Sight reading room, you will be escorted out of the building by the choir guide. It is at this time that you may send your students back to the bus or you may re-enter through the MAIN ENTRANCE to watch other choirs in the auditorium.
- Directors will go to check out in the theatre room (rm # 162.)
- Results will be posted in the Check-in/out room

General Courtesies –

- Please remind your students of correct contest behavior. Strickland Middle School will have regular classes going on in conjunction with the UIL contest. Please be respectful of these classes and other performers by observing silence in the hallways and in your contest procedures.
- Strickland Middle School **CANNOT** accommodate choirs for changing into or out of uniforms or concert attire. Please bring your groups to the contest site dressed in what they will wear for the duration of your time at Strickland.
- Please observe proper concert etiquette at the contest and when listening to other choirs by observing silence during the performance and in the hallways. Also, DO NOT enter the auditorium during any part of a performance, please wait to enter between each performing group.
- Again, please try to encourage your students to leave all items on the buses or at school.

If you have any special needs students/persons that will need accommodating for the contest, please contact Patti Freeman at pfreeman@dentonisd.org or Amy Logan at alogan@dentonisd.org



TRAVELING SOUTH on I 35

- When in Denton, take the Loop 288 exit
- Follow 288 and take the 2164 (Locust St.) exit (right – into the town)
- At the first light, intersection of Locust and Windsor, take a left.
- Strickland will be on the right hand side of Windsor - Buses are to drop off at the front of the school and follow the drive way around the school to park on the west side of the school.

TRAVELING NORTH on I 35

- When in Denton take the first Loop 288 exit (by Golden Triangle Mall and Kroger/Albertson's shopping centers) turn right onto Loop 288.
- Follow 288 and take the 2164 (locust St.) exit (left – into the town)
- At the first light, intersection of Locust and Windsor, take a left.
- Strickland will be on the right hand side Windsor - Buses are to drop off at the front of the school and follow drive way around school to park on the west side of the school.

Dining Suggestions:

- ON UNIVERSITY DRIVE – From Windsor, go west toward Elm St. and take a left on Elm, take a right onto Sherman, left on Carroll, at the first stop light take a right onto UNIVERSITY drive. All of the listed places are located right off University.
 - McDonald's
 - Jack in the Box
 - KFC
 - Arby's
 - Grandy's
 - Taco Bueno
 - Wendy's
 - Whataburger
 - Subway
 - Taco Bell
 - Sonic
 - Braum's
 - Cracker Barrel
- OFF OF I 35 – taking Locust back to the Loop 288 and to I 35 South you can find the following restaurants:
 - Johnny Carino's & Chuck E. Cheese – take the Teasly Ln exit and double back on the feeder road
 - Applebee's – Teasly Ln
 - Pizza Hut – Teasly Ln
 - Black Eyed Pea, Chili's, Luby's, & Schlotzky's – Take the Loop 288 exit at Golden Triangle Mall, all should be on the right hand side of the loop.
 - On the Border, Olive Garden, & Texas Roadhouse – take the State School Rd exit and double back on the feeder.