

UIL STATE SOLO-ENSEMBLE CONTEST (TSSEC) May 24 & May 26, 2025

5A/6A Woodwinds, Brass Site Information Hosted by John B. Connally High School Band

CELE Middle School, 6000 Cele Rd. Pflugerville, TX 78660 Pflugerville ISD

To: UIL TSSEC Directors and Judges

From: Chris Thomsen, Director of Bands, Connally High School, Cele MS Contest Host

Re: Cele Middle School Campus and Contest Information

Dear Directors:

Congratulations on having your students advance to the state level!! We look forward to hosting them at this year's site, Cele Middle School. The information in this letter is intended to help you with your visit to CMS.

In order for the contest to run smoothly it is imperative that the following protocol, rules, and guidelines are followed. Please read all instructions carefully and make sure your students and spectators are aware of all procedures. Take special note of the maps and follow traffic flow and parking specifics.

INFORMATION TABLE: An information table will be located near the main entrance. Parents will be able to assist, guide, and direct participants to their proper location.

WARM-UP: Located in the Gym. No warm-up or playing outside the gym is allowed. All other outside spaces will be posted as "No Warm-Up / Quiet Zones".

INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT: Participants are responsible for providing their own instruments and equipment. We have a limited number of chairs for the



performers. Spectators are welcome to bring their own chairs to sit and wait in the holding area/cafeteria.

NO MUSIC STANDS WILL BE PROVIDED: If stands are needed, you must provide your own.

RECORDED OR ELECTRONICALLY-GENERATED ACCOMPANIMENTS: Students must provide their own equipment and should activate the system prior to entering the room to prevent any delays in the contest schedule.

BUSES and TRAILERS: Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up by BUS will be in the front of Cele Middle School, 6000 Cele Rd, Pflugerville. After drop-off, School and/or Charter buses and trailers will be directed to the Mott Elementary south parking lot entrance. Parking lot traffic is one way for the safety of students and spectators. Upon arrival to CELE, buses must stop at the Parking Information booth at the front of CELE Middle for instructions. After student drop-off, all traffic will be directed to go back out to the main road, Cele Rd, turn left on Cele Rd and make an immediate left after the FFA stables. This is a back road behind CELE Middle and will take you to the Mott Elementary parking lot. Please be patient as you wait in line for drop-off. Due to increased security risks, there is one and only entrance to the TSSEC contest, the main doors to CELE middle school.

At the conclusion of all your students performing, please notify your drivers to return to the main CELE Middle School front entrance to load. Buses will follow the road around Mott Elementary parking lot to Hodde Lane, turn left of Hodde, and then turn left onto Cele Rd to pick up students and instruments for departure. The front parking lot of CELE is reserved exclusively to accommodate multiple schools loading and unloading as well as judges and volunteer vehicles.

PERSONAL VEHICLE PARKING: Spectators and personal vehicles will park in the rear parking lot of CELE middle school and overflow parking lot at Mott Elementary, which they can access past the FFA stables of CELE middle school. Please follow the signage clockwise around the school to the Overflow lot. Personal vehicles will not be allowed to enter the front CELE middle lot for the safety of performers and the congestion of buses.



ENTRANCE DETAILS: Due to growing safety concerns, the only entrance/exit available is the main entrance of CELE middle school. Please be patient as we navigate new guidelines and new location. No other outside doors will be available during the contest. If possible, students should not enter the performance hallways until 10-15 minutes before their performance in order to keep the halls clear of traffic.

CONCESSIONS: The CHS Boosters will be providing food and drinks throughout the day in the Cafeteria. Entrance is located to the left of the main entrance.

APPAREL, PATCHES, AND PINS: Available in the Cafeteria.

RATINGS: Ratings will be posted online (https://www.texasmusicforms.com/tssecpublic.asp).

CONTEST OFFICE: 3rd floor Workroom 828. Opens at 7:45 AM

ADJUDICATION SHEETS AND MEDALS: The comment sheet for each entry will be located in the director's account that registered the events for the contest (www.texasmusicforms.com). Medals must be picked up in the contest office by the sponsor or designee. MEDALS WILL NOT BE MAILED. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY. EXCEPTION: OUTSTANDING PERFORMER MEDALS AND MUSIC THEORY MEDALS THAT WERE NOT PICKED UP ON SITE WILL BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS ON THE TEXASMUSICFORMS ACCOUNT.

QUESTIONS: Prior to the contest: music@uiltexas.org. During the contest: either the information booth or the contest office.

SPECTATORS: All performances are open to the public. Parents, teachers, friends, and other spectators are welcome to attend any contest performance. Please remember that chairs are limited and we ask spectators to bring their own.



COPYRIGHT COMPLIANCE: All Judges must have a copyright compliant score to listen to and adjudicate a performance. No exceptions. Due to copyright law the use of photocopies by a judge is prohibited. [See C&CR Section 1104 and Section 1108(h)(4).] Copyright compliant downloads must have documentation indicating such. Please understand that if you arrive at the contest site without a score that is compliant with US Copyright Law and UIL Regulations you will have to make your own arrangements to secure a compliant score or forfeit your opportunity to perform. UIL EVENT STAFF AND SITE HOSTS WILL NOT HAVE ANY MUSIC OR PHOTOCOPY ACCESS.

DIRECTOR HOSPITALITY: 3rd floor conference room

CHECK-IN: There is <u>NO</u> contestant check-in at the contest office. Students should arrive to their room 15 minutes prior to the start of their performance time and provide the monitor with their original piece of music.

SIGNS/QR CODES: We will have signage and QR Codes posted throughout the school to inform participants information and locations

STUDENT PERFORMANCE: Students should only perform in the judge room assigned to them. PLEASE do not move students into a room of which they are not assigned, unless you have spoken with contest officials and received permission. **NO MUSIC STANDS WILL BE PROVIDED:** If stands are needed, you must provide your own.

MASTER SCHEDULE: School schedules can be found online by logging into your account at: www.texasmusicforms.com. With a contest this size it is impossible to avoid all schedule conflicts, especially if an accompanist has been overextended or incorrect/incomplete accompanist information was given upon registration.

SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUESTS: All schedule change requests must be processed in the contest office. Changes will be made if availability exists.



PERFORMING EARLY: An event may be permitted to occur before its scheduled time under one of the following provisions:

- 1. The judge is running ahead of schedule and allows the event to perform early.
- 2. An open time or no-show (DNA) allows the event to perform early.

CHANGING PERFORMERS IN AN ENSEMBLE: Up to 50 percent of performers in an ensemble may be substituted from the performers who qualified at the region contest. These changes must be made in the contest office.

MEMORY REQUIREMENTS: All solos must conform to the UIL C&CR and PML memory requirements.

Band App: We will use the Band App to facilitate communication and share maps with directors. **Please join the TSSEC 2025 CHS band app here:** https://band.us/n/ada0b1a4B8y51



Please advise students to be mindful of their belongings. Students are responsible for their personal items. DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING VALUABLE UNATTENDED! Students should not warm up in any other part of the school. PfISD, CMS, CHS Band, CHS Band Boosters nor its directors are responsible for any lost or missing items.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to message or email me.

We look forward to hosting you and your students!

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