

UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest 2024

Frenship HS Choir welcomes you to the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest for 2024. We hope you and your students will have a successful day at our campus. This letter is to give you information concerning the contest. Please read it carefully and pass this information on to your students. Thank you!

Parking: The contest will begin at 9:00am for high school on Saturday, February 3rd, 2024. Busses and vehicles may park in the South parking lot, the parking lot West of the auditorium, and the parking lot along FM 179. The doors to the South entrance of the building will be opened at 8:00am. We will not unlock any other doors to the building.

Where do my students wait?: Students, parents and directors may organize in the cafeteria which is across the foyer from the entrance. If students are not performing for a while, please instruct them to wait in the cafeteria so that halls may remain relatively quiet. Frenship will not be responsible for lost or stolen items which may be left around the building. Please inform your students to keep things with them or leave them with sponsors to supervise. We respectfully ask that all students are accompanied by chaperones while they wait in the cafeteria.

The main choir room will serve as a warm-up space. This is not a holding area for students. Please insist that your students return to the cafeteria and/or report to their assigned room after warming up. Students that are not actively warming up will be asked to go back to the cafeteria or assigned room. Please be considerate of other schools needing to use the space as well.

Check-In & DNAs: Upon arrival, please have students wait in the cafeteria while you check-in at the library. The library will be to your right as you enter the building. A registration table will be at the library entrance for you to sign-in and get a folder containing your UIL Forms. Because of our safety and security procedures, only printed copies of maps will be available when you arrive for check-in. Room number assignments will sent out the week prior to contest. We will have student guides available as needed. Please do not make copies of the UIL forms and bring them to use. Keith Bearden will have all necessary forms in the folder. Please use them. When you receive your folder, please remove any DNA's you may have. Place these DNA forms in a box located on the table. Keep the remaining forms, taking them to the rooms you will use and the judges for whom you will be performing. After you have removed all DNA students, you may take your students to the choir rooms for warm-up and then to your performing area. If students are not performing for a while, please instruct them to wait in the cafeteria so that halls may remain relatively quiet. The rooms are not soundproof, and noise could affect students performing. Please be courteous to all. A student monitor will be at the door of each judging room if you need any help. There may be a brief time when a monitor may leave to sing and then return. The contest office will have people to help you as well. Frenship is a large, spread-out campus. Please instruct students to stay in the areas of the contest only. There are areas of the building which have an "invisible curtain" for security. Students may set off alarms if in areas not designated for the contest.

Check-Out: Directors, please check out in the library once your school has finished competing. We will process the forms as quickly as possible. Devices will be available for you to view results if you are not able to use your own personal device. Please contact an office worker if you need help accessing results. You may view your results throughout the contest. No ratings will be posted for all to view. When all forms are accounted for, you will receive a sack which will contain your UIL forms with comments and medals. A sign-out sheet will be with the sack for you to sign and give to the office workers.

Concessions: We will be offering items such as candy, popcorn, chips, pickles, drinks, etc. at our **concession stand** for Solo and Ensemble. **We will not be offering hot foods.** There are a few fast-food restaurants nearby that will deliver to the high school easily, if you need to plan for lunch (Chick-Fil-A, Dominoes, Potbelly).

Finally, the contest is scheduled to end around 5:45pm. This doesn't account for DNAs. Please arrive at least 30-45 minutes early in case your assigned rooms are running ahead so we can keep the contest moving.

Thank you and best of luck to your students! Amy Moss – FHS Choir