



Spring Hill Independent School District

UIL Area C 2A Marching Contest Open Class - Host Packet 2026

Greetings UIL Area C 2A Marching Contest Qualifiers!

Welcome to Spring Hill ISD, and congratulations on your great success in qualifying for the UIL Area Marching Contest! We are privileged to host you this year, and are here to serve you in any way necessary to ensure a positive, memorable, and seamless experience.

During your visit, the Spring Hill Band Boosters will be providing a Directors' hospitality room located in the Spring Hill High School Gym foyer for everyone to visit. Please feel free to rest and relax while you wait!

You will be performing at Spring Hill Panther Stadium in Longview, Tx. The address is:

Spring Hill Panther Stadium (Spectator Entrance)

2800 E George Richey Rd.
Longview, TX 75605

Bus Entrance

3101 Spring Hill Rd
Longview, Tx 75605

General Information:

In this packet, you will find the Contest Overview Map, Contest Flow Map, and other information in order to help you navigate your day with us.

Entry for Buses and Equipment trucks will need to enter from Spring Hill Rd. Highway 300 (Gilmer Rd.) is the easiest to access, there will be helpers guiding your buses and equipment trucks.

Parking and Bus/Truck Information:

Please note there is only one entry and exit for the buses and trailers. This avoids any cross-traffic throughout the day, as well as considering the safety of our performers as they travel to warm up areas, performance, and back. The spectator parking lot will be separate in order to also allow performers to visit the concessions stand and travel to and from buses without navigating traffic.

Buses and Trucks and Trailers will park together in order to allow you and your organization to stay together throughout your day. We will have parking guides greet you and lead you to your position in order to keep parking organized and secure. Note you will only be allowed one

booster/district vehicle in order to drop off any necessary supplies, and then they will be asked to move to the spectator parking area. Again, student safety is at a maximum when we minimize the amount of traffic in the parking lot

There are restrooms at the Spring Hill Auditorium Entry in the same parking lot as the buses that your students may use to change. Spectator parking is located directly beside Spring Hill High. Parking is free, and as stated before, we will offer shuttle service throughout the day. There are restrooms located on both sides of the concession stand that is located on the North end of the field. Please do not use the restrooms for changing into and out of uniform. These restrooms accommodate our spectators as well, and we want to put our best foot forward for administration, community members, and parents that are visiting to support the performers from each district.

We will have a dumpster on site in order to deposit your trash throughout the day. You will be allowed to feed your students in the parking lot, but please remember to deposit your trash throughout the day. If needed, you may place trash bags on the curb next to your buses and trucks and trailers, and our maintenance crews will make their way to remove them at the conclusion of the contest. Please note that no grilling/cooking, etc will be allowed in the stadium lots during the contest.

Security/EMS/Access, etc:

Spring Hill ISD Panther Stadium does NOT have a clear bag policy, but we will have Security and Police present on site to provide a safe environment for all of our visitors. As labeled on the map, all gate access to anywhere else in the district will be closed.

The First Aid station will be located on the south end of the stadium outside of the stadium fence next to the parking lot (old ticket booth)(labeled on the map).

Spring Hill ISD will provide Gators and shuttle carts as needed from the spectator parking lot for any patrons who might be handicapped, elderly, injured, or have other needs in this manner.

Contest Office/Results:

The contest office will be located in the press box, so directors will not be allowed inside until it is time for the score verification period, etc. We ask that only the Head Director from each band report to the press box when the announcement is made for you to report. It is important to keep disruptions from happening during the tabulation process.

The UIL Adjudicators will be located outside the press box at the top of the Home stands. Please communicate with parents, staff, and community members that they are not to be disturbed, and we will have the area roped off to avoid any confusion.

Warm Up Areas/Performance Flow:

Warm up areas are located on the map. Your Band Guides will lead you from the parking lot all the way through your performance and back to your buses after your performance is complete. They will greet you in the parking lot 15 minutes before your departure to warm up, and then will

assist you with your journey for the day, while being available to communicate any possible needs along the way. **Please remember that it is ultimately the responsibility of the director for each performing ensemble to move to and from warm up and perform on time.**

All equipment for your ensemble is to stay with your trucks and buses until it is time for departure to warm-up/performance. There are no prop staging areas outside the stadium in order to avoid traffic issues, but you will have ample time to make it to your performance ahead of time, and you will be allowed to stage on the track with enough time to set up before your performance. A UIL Official will be at the field entry gate to lead you to your staging areas and to give you a countdown for your 5-minute field entry. Each band will be allowed to move their front ensemble to the 20-yard line on the home side track, or any other props, band members, etc up to the goal line during the previous band's 2-Minute field exit. You may also use the 20-yard line on the visitor's side track as well to stage during the previous band's 2-minute exit. Once your performance is done, please move equipment all the way back to the lot with your buses and trucks (the last band will be accommodated for Retreat staging).

While your band is in the warm up area, please face all performers and metronomes away from the stadium in order to direct the sound away from the performing bands. Both Warm Up Areas have their own separate Percussion Warm Up areas (labeled on the map) so as to keep your groups separate and reduce any traffic with equipment and performers. It is up to the discretion of each director whether you would like to utilize it or not.

The performance exit is labeled on the map, south end of the field, by the scoreboard. This will accommodate your band's needs with props, front ensemble, color guard, etc. Please notify the UIL Official of your plans for the exit path when you arrive. During your performance, you may use a generator for power if you so choose. Please ensure that the generator has protection against any possible leaks as typically required by UIL. We will also provide an extension cord for your use that is plugged into the home side in the ground.

There will be water stations located at both warm up areas, as well as at the track entrance/exit to ensure the best care for each performer.

Contact Information/Misc:

If you need anything throughout the day, please feel free to contact:

Michael Moody, Director of Bands and Fine Arts for Spring Hill ISD at 903-323-7755. All Spring Hill ISD Directors will be on site for the duration of the contest, and they will be available to reach me at any time via radio as well if needed. If there are any emergencies, then UIL Officials/Spring Hill ISD Staff will notify you directly. For any questions directly related to UIL policies, then please reach out to Mike Bullock, UIL Area C Executive Secretary.

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FIELD FLOW INSTRUCTIONS

HOLD: 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. (auxiliary) they may move to the red HOLD area indicated.

Movement of auxiliary is allowed during the on-field band's performance, but every effort must be made to avoid being a distraction to the performing group, judges, and audience.

READY: During the previous band's 2-minute exit, your group will move to the yellow boxed READY position using any space behind those lines with the appropriate group. From READY position, you will receive a verbal countdown indicating you may take the field for set-up/warm-up, starting your 5-minute clock. Neither performers nor equipment is allowed on the 100-yard performance surface before the 5-minute clock starts. Marching students may not stage READY position past the zero yard line. Front Ens, etc. may not stage past the 20 yard line.

EXIT: Band should exit to the front and go out the Field Exit. Front and back equipment should follow the path off the field and around the track out the Field Exit. Please stay on the outside of the track as you exit and allow the next band to have the inside track and access to the field.

Questions? Please email or call.

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