



2023 REGION VIII UIL CONCERT & SIGHTREADING CONTEST

March 30, 2023 – Midway Performing Arts Center

Dear Choir Parents –

All 7th/8th grade choirs have been preparing music for the upcoming UIL Contest in March. UIL Choirs will be performing at UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest at the Midway Performing Arts Center on Thursday, March 30th during the school day. All eligible Midway Choir students are expected to participate in UIL each year. It is considered the “end result” to what we teach in choir throughout the year and the ratings we receive are like that of a report card to our program.

Each choir will be judged by 3 selected adjudicators from across the state and given a rating based on several criteria developed by a UIL committee. The second phase of the contest is the sightreading room where the choirs will be judged by 3 additional adjudicators on their ability to read a piece of music, at sight, a cappella, while using handsigns.

The students have been working hard and are excited about this opportunity. As we have discussed with our singers, attending UIL is not a “*right, but a privilege.*”

Students must meet the following criteria in order to perform at UIL:

- Turned in UIL Contract
- Concert repertoire learned correctly and memorized
- Satisfactory behavior, participation, and rehearsal skills
- Proficient in UIL Sight Reading process
- Satisfactory attendance (before/after school rehearsals, Pre-UIL)

****All students will perform on the Pre-UIL Concert regardless of UIL Eligibility****
Pre-UIL takes the place of our formal Spring Concert.

Some of our UIL choirs are a combination of different choir class periods. Therefore, these choirs must meet together before/after school in order to prepare for contest. Any additional rehearsals are REQUIRED for students to attend. These rehearsals will start the week of March 13th (when we return from Spring Break). Any absences (excused or unexcused) MUST be communicated by a parent in writing with ADVANCE NOTICE.

Thank you for the support you show to the MMS Choir program and please let me know if you have any questions regarding UIL Contest. Midway parents are invited to come and observe their student’s performance during UIL Day!

Sincerely,

Kayla Torp & Hyeyoung Ku
Midway Middle School Choir