



Brownsville Independent School District

# FILEMÓN B. VELA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Evaluations

Dead Choir Members and Parents,

UIL Concert & Sight-Reading Evaluations are next week! Here is what you need to know.

Bel Canto Tenor-Bass Choir		A Cappella Treble Choir	
Wednesday, March 5, 2025		Thursday, March 6, 2025	
Itinerary	Attire	Itinerary	Attire
7:40 AM: Come to school dressed in your tuxedo. You will report to the Choir Room after announcements for warm-ups and rehearsal.	Choir Tuxedo White Shirt Black Vest Black Pants Black Bowtie Black Dress Shoes Black Crew Socks	Come to school dressed in your school clothes, but make sure you have your formal uniform and accessories. You will report to the Choir Room for 8th period.	Black Choir Gown Black Dress Shoes Black Socks/Tights Hair Bow <i>No racer-back bras!</i>
9:00 AM: Depart to the H-PAC		1:30 PM: Report to the Choir Room and get dressed, warm-up, and rehearse.	
9:40 AM: Watch performances of other schools in the auditorium. We will get to see the Harlingen Vela, Stell, Memorial, Coakley, and Berta Cabaza Middle Schools' Tenor-Bass Choirs!	BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES!!  You will be required to turn in your Formal Uniform when we come back to VMS.	3:00 PM: Depart to the H-PAC	BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES!!  You will be required to turn in your Formal Uniform when we come back to VMS.
11:40 AM: Warm-Up Room 12:00 PM: Concert Performance 12:20 PM: Sight-Reading Performance		3:40 PM: Watch performances of other schools in the auditorium. We will get to see the Besteiro, Stell, and Veterans Middle Schools' Treble Choirs!	
12:40 PM: Receive Results 12:45 PM: Depart to Cici's Pizza	H-PAC = HCISD Performing Arts Center 3217 Wilson Road Harlingen, TX 78552	5:20 PM: Warm-Up Room 5:40 PM: Concert Performance 6:00 PM: Sight-Reading Performance	H-PAC = HCISD Performing Arts Center 3217 Wilson Road Harlingen, TX 78552
1:15 PM: Lunch 2:30 PM: Depart back to VMS	Lunch = Cici's Pizza, paid from the VMS Choir Budget. 4365 North Expy 77 Unit 192, Brownsville, TX 78520	6:20 PM: Receive Results 6:25 PM: Depart to Chick-fil-A, 802 Brownsville	Lunch = Chick-fil-A, paid from the VMS Choir Budget. 2150 Ruben M Torres Blvd, Brownsville, TX 78526
2:45 PM: Arrive back at VMS, turn in your formal uniforms in the Choir Room, and go home.	Students may bring extra money for games.	7:00 PM: Dinner 8:00 PM: Depart back to VMS	Students may bring extra money for snacks or food.
		8:15 PM: Arrive back at VMS, turn in your formal uniforms in the Choir Room, and go home.	



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### **FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CONCERT PERFORMANCE!**

But you will not be allowed to view the Sight-Reading performance for confidentiality purposes.

Please arrive at the auditorium at least 20 minutes before our Concert Performance time to ensure you will be able to view the performance. When a Choir is on stage, the doors will be closed and audience members will be strongly discouraged from entering or exiting the auditorium.

### **IMPORTANT: UIL Auditorium Etiquette. Please read carefully!**

- The judges' job is to listen carefully to all the details of a performance to give an accurate rating. If there are noises and distractions they cannot do their job properly.
- You must be completely SILENT during a performance so as not to distract the judges. (Phone and camera sounds should be turned off, and talking or whispering is not appropriate. Also, if a small child or infant is making noises, they may need to be removed from the auditorium by a parent.)
- You may only clap at the beginning of a performance, and then again at the end, after all three pieces have been performed. We encourage our students to use the sign language "applause" gesture to show their appreciation to the Choirs on stage between the first two songs to avoid making any noise.
- Anybody not abiding by these rules may be asked to leave the auditorium.

**Please sign the attached BISD Travel Consent Form and turn it in to Mrs. Graves before the day of your UIL Performance.** You will not be allowed on the bus without a copy of this form turned in.



# BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Student Travel Consent Form (PreK-12)

### For Campus-Sponsored Field Trip or Off-Campus Activity

Forma de consentimiento para viajar del estudiante (PreK-12)

Para actividades patrocinadas por la escuela o fuera de escuela

Only complete fields with a \*

2024-2025 School Year

Your son/daughter has the opportunity to attend the following campus-sponsored field trip or off-campus activity. He/she will be required to make up any schoolwork missed in his/her classes due to this trip. This form must be signed by the parent/ guardian and returned to the sponsor, teacher, or administrator in charge of this group no later than the day before the date of departure. No student will be permitted to go on this trip who has not completed this form. Students must meet state and local eligibility requirements for extra-curricular travel.

Campus: Vela MS (#047) Organization: CHOIR Sponsor's Name: Victoria Graves & Nephi Sanchez

Student: \* \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \* \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Student cell phone \* \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian's Name: \* \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \* \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative Adult's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY

Site to be visited: H-PAC, Harlingen, TX ☒ Swimming and/or Water Activity (if appropriate, please check)

Date of departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Date and time of return: See attached itinerary for details.

Staying overnight (Secondary only) at: \_\_\_\_\_

Mode of transportation: ☒ BISD Bus ☐ Commercial Bus: \_\_\_\_\_

Private vehicle: driven by: ☐ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Parent: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Student: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITY

☒ If this box is checked, the above-named student has my consent to travel to each event participated in by this campus/organization for The current school year.

*In case of emergency, I give my approval and authorization for first-aid treatment/medical treatment by local physicians and/or hospitals, including surgical procedures. I agree to accept responsibility for payment of all charges incurred during this medical treatment.*

Additional medical information and/or comments: \*

*The above named student has my consent to travel with this campus/organization. I understand that the students will be supervised while en route, participating, and during unscheduled time and that normal precautions will be taken in their interest for safety and well being. I agree to release the Brownsville Independent School District and its employees and sponsors, from all legal responsibility and liability on this trip. I understand that any student who does not conduct himself/herself properly will be sent home at the parent's expense.*

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \* \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \* \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \* \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \* \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Sponsor: [Signature] Date: 02/24/2025