



Melissa Independent School District Fine Arts Department

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Directors,

On behalf of the Melissa Independent School District and our Fine Arts Department, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the **UIL Area B 5A Marching Band Contest** to be held on Saturday, October 26, at the Melissa ISD Coach Kenny Deel Stadium (3030 Milrany Lane, Melissa, TX 75454). The performance schedule and contest maps will be available on the [UIL Region 24 Area webpage](#). **Then click on AREA B 5A INFORMATION**

BUSES & EQUIPMENT TRUCKS will enter the stadium complex from **MILRANY LANE AND HEAD EAST ON GLEASON AVENUE**. (see contest map).

1. As you exit HWY 121 and approach the stadium on MILRANY LANE, **GLEASON AVENUE** is just north of the Melissa High School Academic Towers.
2. Equipment trucks and buses should both enter the stadium complex the same way.
3. Melissa ISD parents assisting with parking will greet you after you turn off GREER WAY onto GATE 5 ENTRANCE. (SEE MAP)
4. All buses will be parked on the visitor's north side of the stadium, all equipment trucks will be parked on the visitors south side of the stadium.
5. Melissa ISD parent workers are scheduled to be in place by 7:00 AM to assist with parking. Please do not plan to arrive prior to 7:00 AM.
6. Cars and all other personal vehicles must enter from **Gates 1-4**.

BAND MONITORS will meet your band approximately **15 minutes** prior to your warm-up time.

1. Band monitors will assist in locating **restrooms** and **water fountains** (inside the CKD VISITORS SIDE OF THE STADIUM) prior to warm-up and lead your band to the outdoor warm-up area, field entrance, field exit and back to your buses following your performance.
2. Band monitors will provide wristbands to each participating head band director. Directors, staff, and parents assisting with sideline percussion, props or other equipment during your band's performance do not need a pass to enter at field level, but band staff and chaperones must have wristbands to enter the stadium free of charge as spectators following your band's performance.
3. Band participants will have a gate that they can enter through on the home side of the stadium. They must be dressed in a band shirt and/or accompanied by their director. The bag policy and water bottle policy are lifted for the participants entering through this gate.

STAGING INFORMATION:

FRONT ENSEMBLES WILL BE PERMITTED TO STAGE AT THE 20-YARD LINE.

BANDS WILL BE PERMITTED TO STAGE AT THE GOAL LINE. [Link to UIL STATE OFFICE GUIDELINES FOR STAGING OF THE ABOVE: Microsoft Word - Guidelines for Marching Bands for 2022 \(filesusr.com\)](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. Please view the attached maps for directions on parking and contest flow. **UIL HAS MANDATED 6-10 / 1-5 FINALS ORDER. A DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE WITH THOSE BANDS AT THE TIME OF FINALS BEING ANNOUNCED.**

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2. **Warm-up is 45 minutes.** This includes moving into and out of the warm-up area. 50 yards in each area.
3. Travel time to the gate is 10 minutes and the announcement to take the field for pre-placement and/or warm-up will be made 5 minutes prior to your scheduled performance time.
4. Do not play while outside the warm-up area as wind and percussion instruments are audible from inside the stadium and the press box where the adjudicators are located.
5. WIRELESS DEVICES may be tested only during contest intermissions and during the 7-minute period that includes any band's 2-minute field exit and 5-minute field entrance. This includes bands in warm-up and other areas around the stadium. There will be no "restarts," "delays," or "do-overs" due to any issue related to electronics.
6. Sideline percussion will have a designated area to warm-up (near the pit entrance) and may do so only during their official warm-up time (see contest maps).
7. The current version of the UIL *Constitution & Contest Rules* will be in effect. Please take time to carefully review all rules in preparation for this event. An online version of this document can be accessed at <http://www.uiltexas.org/policy/constitution>.
8. The UIL contest office is located on the **5th level** of the press box.
9. If you choose to have a staff member or parent record a video of your marching band performance for educational purposes, you may do so from any available location in the home side seating area. Individuals may not video record from the press box as the adjudicators are on the 4th level video deck.
10. The **director's meeting**, following prelims and finals, will be inside the Melissa Championship Center Lounge ("Coach Kenny Deel Stadium" north endzone).
11. Monday, October 28 will serve as the *rain date* in case inclement weather delays or postpones the certification of the contest on Saturday, October 26.

SPECTATOR & CHAPERONE INFORMATION:

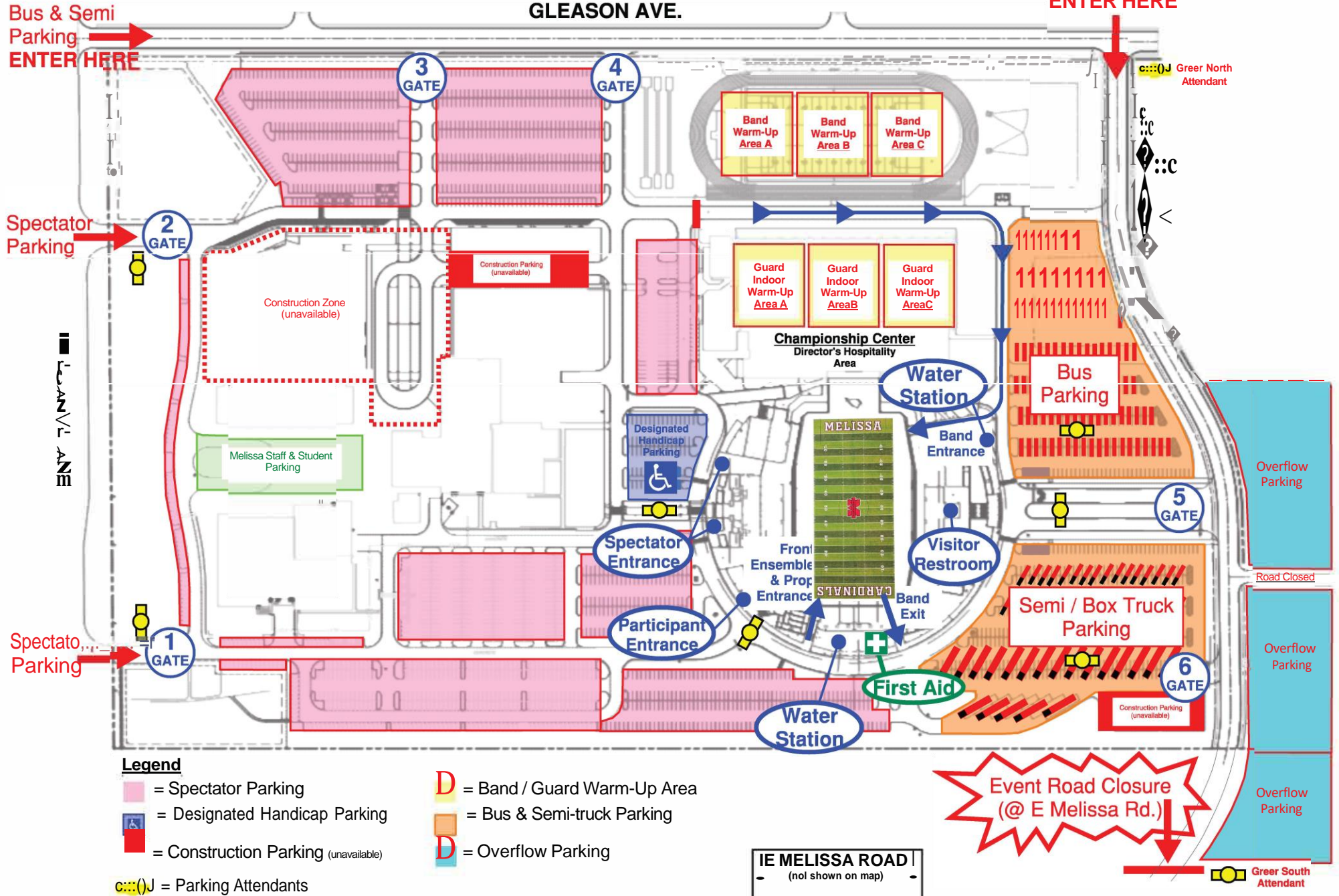
1. **Spectator parking is free.** Cars and all personal vehicles must enter from **Milrany LN.**
2. **Chaperone wristbands** (the number is based on what you requested in the google form) will be provided to each participating head band director. Directors, staff, and parents assisting with sideline percussion, props or other equipment during your band's performance do not need a pass to enter at field level but band staff and chaperones must have wristbands to enter the stadium free of charge as spectators following your band's performance.
3. Bus drivers, principals and fine arts administrators will be admitted at no charge with their school district ID badge. Please have these individuals enter through the main admission gate.
4. Tickets: Tickets are \$5 for Ages 11-59. **NO CASH** Spectators must purchase online purchases through GoFan. Here is the link to purchase Area B 5A GoFan Tickets:
<https://gofan.co/event/1969132?schoolId=TX87621>
5. It is recommended that a director, band booster officer, or parent purchase any additional passes needed and distribute them to parent-chaperones.
6. Melissa ISD has instituted a [CLEAR BAG POLICY](#) to ensure visitor safety, along with quick and efficient entry into the Coach Kenny Deel Stadium. Please see the attached document below.

Best wishes to you and your students for a smooth and successful marching event. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Jerry Whorton
Director of Fine & Performing Arts
Melissa ISD

2024 Area Marching Contest

Coach Kenny Deel Stadium - Melissa,
TX Saturday 10/26/24



Legend

- = Spectator Parking
- = Designated Handicap Parking
- = Construction Parking (unavailable)

- = Band / Guard Warm-Up Area
- = Bus & Semi-truck Parking
- = Overflow Parking

= Parking Attendants

IE MELISSA ROAD
(not shown on map)

Event Road Closure (@ E Melissa Rd.)

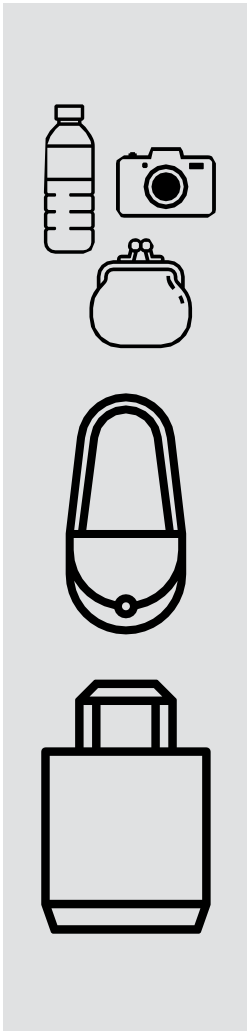
Greer South Attendant



MELISSA SCHOOLS



MELISSA ISD CLEAR BAG POLICY



Permitted Items:

- Clear tote bags (*must be clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and not exceed 12"x 6" x 12"H*)
- Clear zip-top bags (*must be clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and not exceed one gallon*)
- Small clutch bags (*no larger than hand or 4.5"W x 6"D x 6.5"H*)
- Diaper bags (*only if accompanied by a small child*)
- Unopened bottled water
- Phones
- Cameras (*no bags*)
- Binoculars (*no cases*)
- Seat cushions (*no pockets, zippers, compartments, or covers*)

Prohibited Items:

- Outside food and drink (*with the exception of unopened bottled water*)
- Purses, totes, or bags larger than a small clutch
- Umbrellas
- Fanny packs
- Camera bags
- Cinch bags
- Computer bags
- Backpacks
- Coolers
- Briefcases
- Duffle bags
- Luggage bags



Exceptions can be made for medically-necessary items.



The Melissa ISD Clear Bag Policy applies to **all events and athletic contests hosted at Melissa ISD facilities** and must be adhered to by all attendees.

For all events and athletic contests hosted at Coach Kenny Deel Stadium, there will be a security check at the gate upon entry: please plan for waiting time at the security check.