



Mercedes Tiger Band

Winter Invitational

Date: March 1st, 2025

Location: Mercedes High School

**A TECA Sanctioned contest hosted by the
Mercedes Winterguard**

Dear Directors,

Welcome to Mercedes High School! We are excited to have you with us at our contest! We hope you have an amazing experience at our event! Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us!

Please take some time to review this packet of information to help familiarize yourself with our facilities at Mercedes High School. We want to wish you the best of luck with your season!

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Mercedes Tiger Band Winter Invitation Information

I. Location/Loading/Unloading

Location: Mercedes High School, 1200 S. Florida Ave. Mercedes, TX 78570

Buses will enter from Florida Ave. Entrance and unload in front of the school cafeteria. After unloading, buses will head to Tiger Stadium for Parking (See Map for Details).

Equipment Trucks will enter from Florida Ave. Entrance. They will unload in the stadium parking lot. (See Map for Details).

II. Contest Flow

All Contest rules and regulations from the 2025 TECA Constitution and By-Laws and the 2025 WGI Rule Book will be followed.

Parking

Spectator parking will be in by the Jim Norris Gymnasium (Performance Gym) parking lot. Buses and Equipment Truck/Trailer will be in the parking lot by Tiger Stadium. Once your performance has concluded and equipment is ready for loading, you may begin loading where Equipment trucks/trailers are parked.

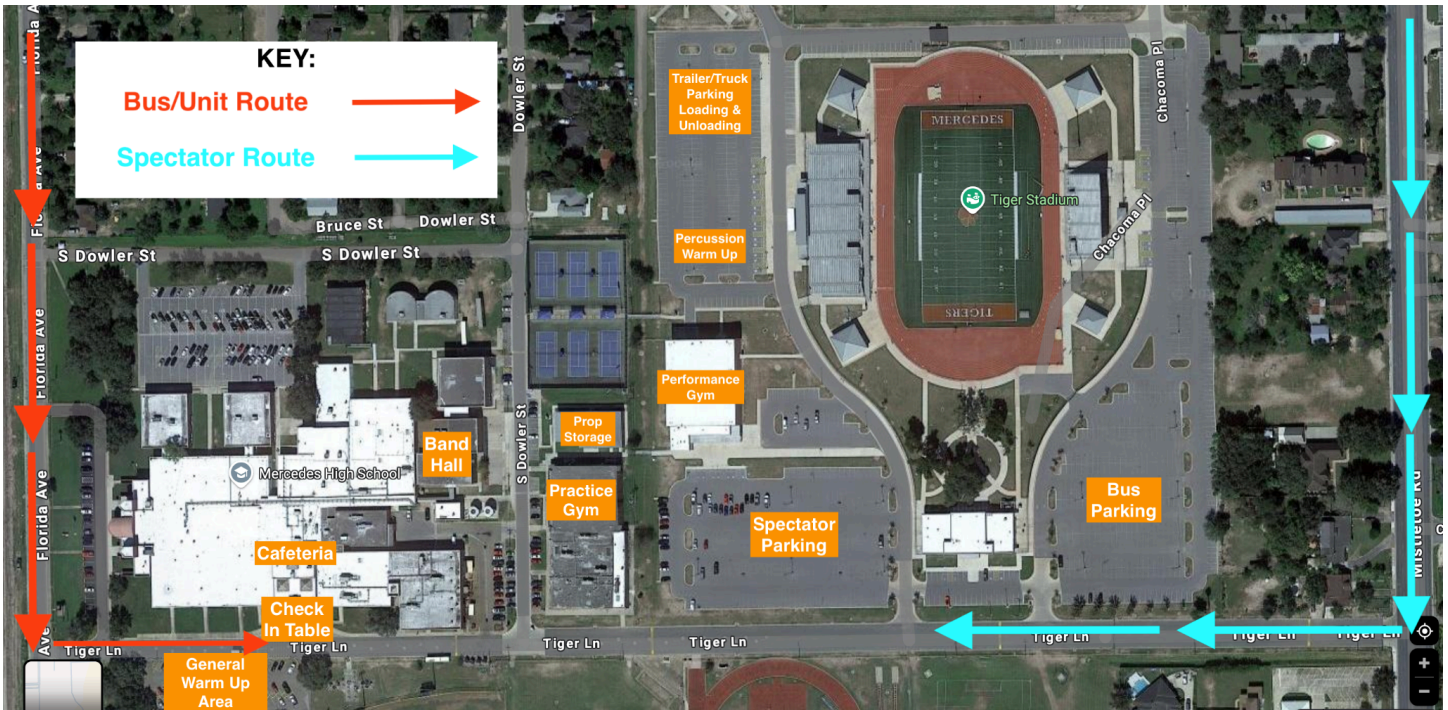
Check-in

The check-in table will be on the south side of the school; by the cafeteria. Maps of the school and performance times will be available at Check-in. Admission will be given to performing members and 10 student/chaperone members. Directors will be given 3 Director Badges to be used all season long. If you lose or forget your badges you must include your director numbers in the student/chaperone members. No extra badges will be distributed.

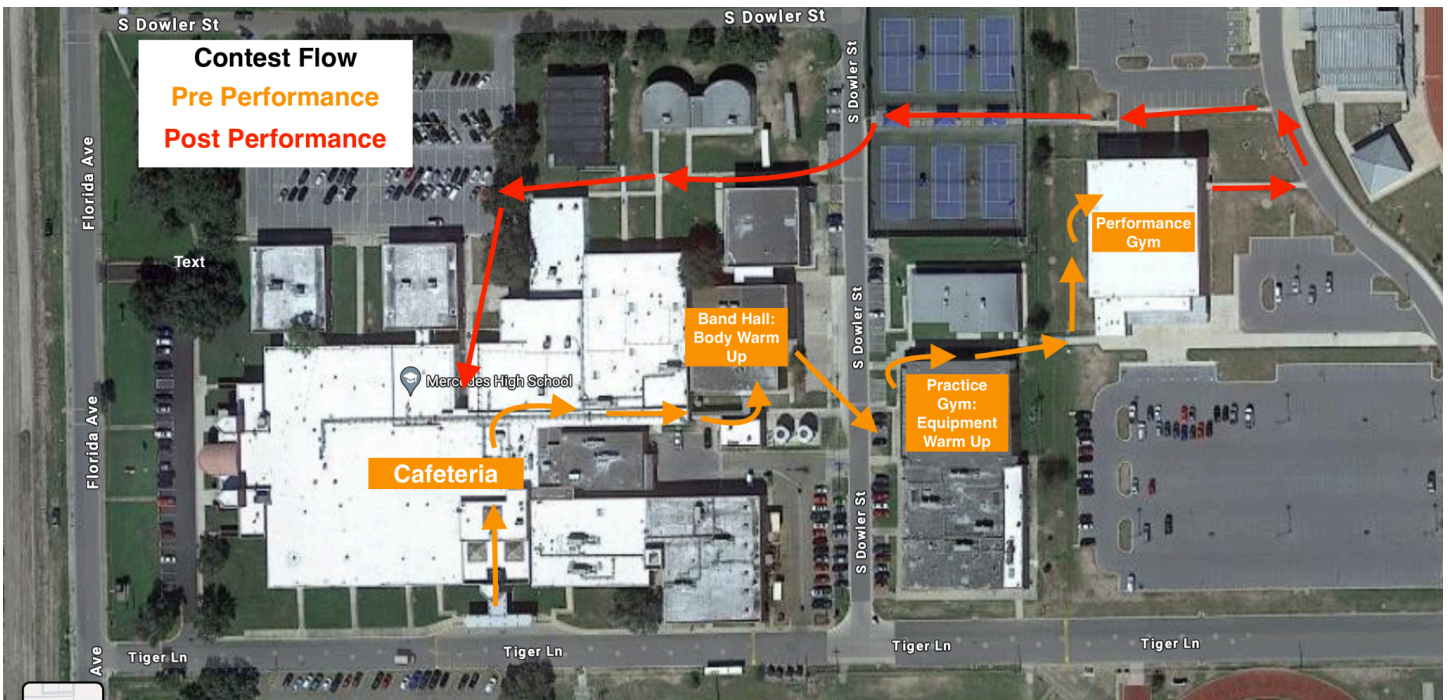
Cafeteria/Unit Holding Area

Unit holding area will be in the cafeteria past the check in tables. Please be mindful of how much space your unit takes. Spaces will be on a first come first served basis. **Please always have an adult supervising the performing units while in the holding area.** Props/Floors and larger equipment will be stored in the building next to the practice gym. (See Map for Details) Concessions will be available to everyone in the cafeteria and in the foyer in front of the gym. Outside food or drink will not be allowed inside the school. The cafeteria and hallways are traffic areas only. Students and Staff will not spin, toss, play or maneuver equipment inside any of the buildings at any time other than in designated areas.

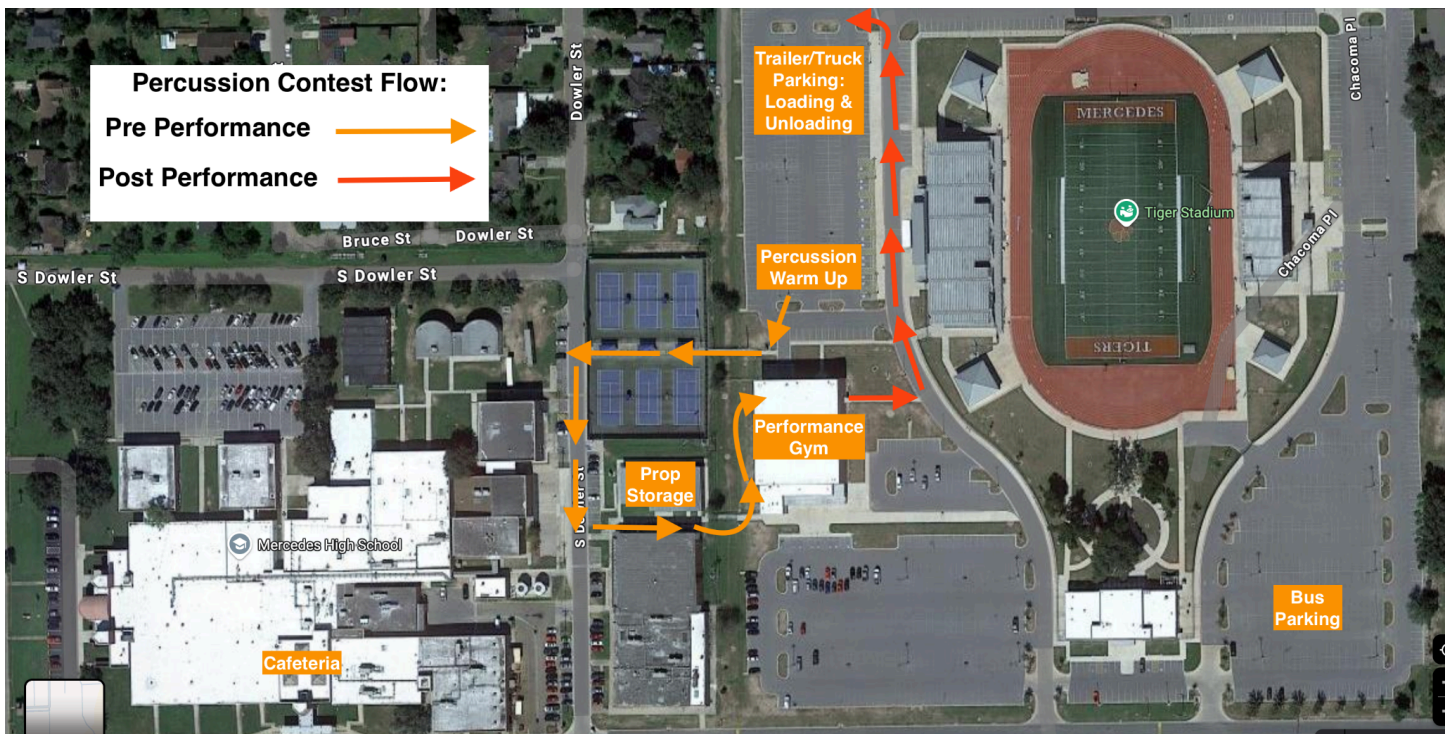
Mercedes High School Map Layout



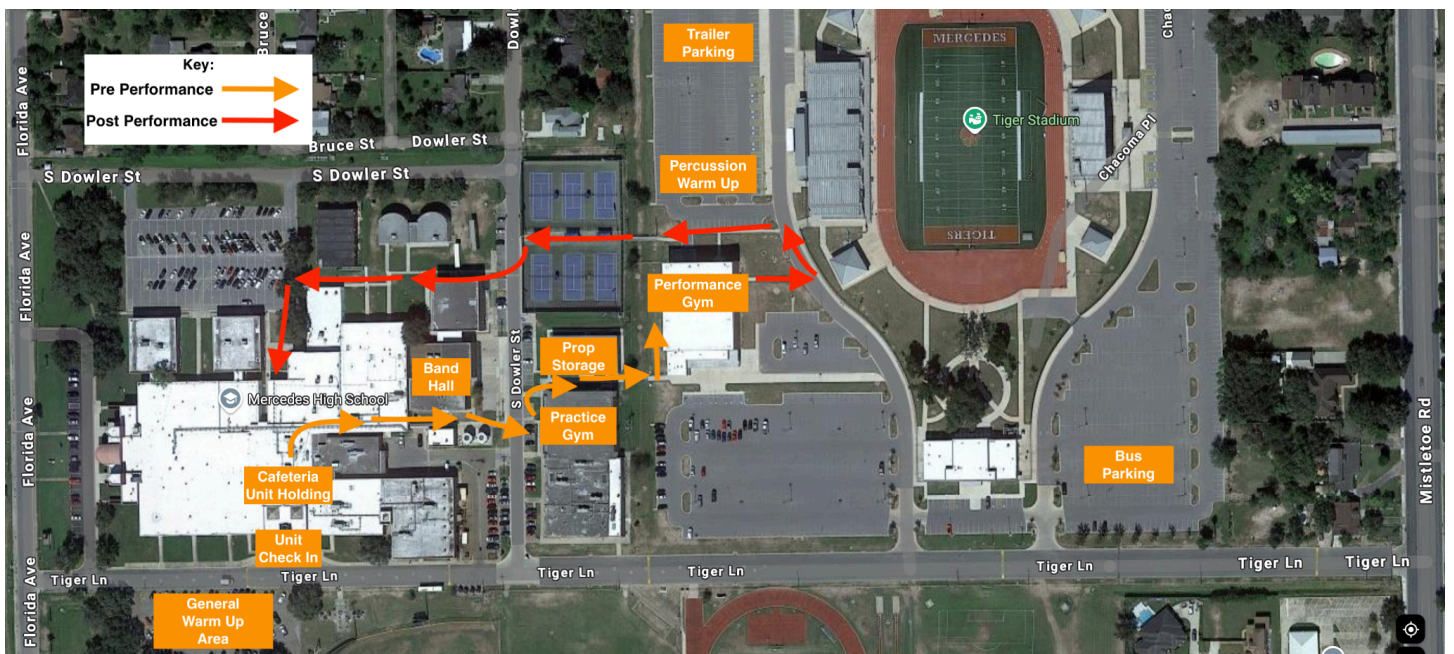
Guard Contest Flow Map



Percussion Contest Flow Map



Winds Contest Flow Map



General Warm Up

If you need extra space to warm up, you may do so outside in the designated area.

Official Warm Up Times

WINDS:

- When leaving the cafeteria to start timed warm up, find the Ready Table. Your guide will lead your unit to your Timed Warm Up which will be in the PRACTICE GYM. A speaker will be made available if you need one. After your Timed Warm Up, your unit will be led to the Performance Gym. You will be placed in “HOLDING” until your official set up time begins.
- Performance Gym: A HORIZONTAL CENTER LINE WILL BE UTILIZED FOR FLOW IN THE PERFORMANCE AREA. (SEE DIAGRAM)

Post Performance: Your unit will be led back to the cafeteria. Props will be led to the Loading Area to load up equipment. Floor folding will be at the Stadium. CAPTAINS ONLY RETREAT will follow the last performing group as scheduled.

PERCUSSION:

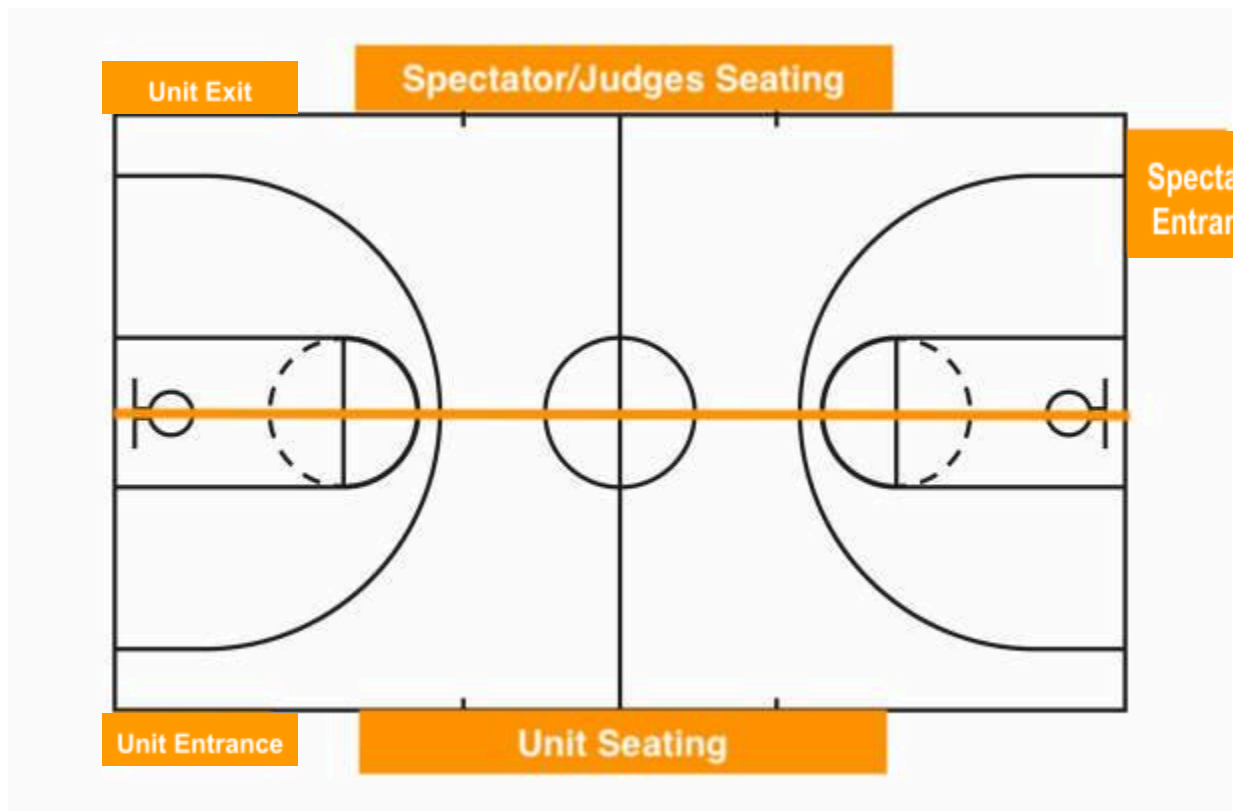
- When finished unloading, your guide will lead your unit to your Timed Warm Up which will be in the West Parking Lot of Tiger Stadium. After your Timed Warm Up, your unit will be led to the Performance Gym. You will be placed in “HOLDING” until your official set up time begins.
- Performance Gym A HORIZONTAL CENTER LINE WILL BE UTILIZED FOR FLOW IN THE PERFORMANCE AREA. (SEE DIAGRAM)

Post Performance: Your unit will be led back to the loading area to loading equipment. Floor folding will be at the Stadium. CAPTAINS ONLY RETREAT will follow the last performing group as scheduled.

GUARD:

Body Warm Up, Equipment Warm Up, and Performance Notes

- Body Warm up will be in the BAND HALL. Students may stretch or do a body type of run through. No guard equipment will be utilized during this segment of the official warm up time. After Body Warm Up, your unit will be led to the Equipment warm up. You will be placed in “Holding” until Equipment Warm-up begins.
- Equipment Warm Up will be in the PRACTICE GYM. A sound system will be made available in both Body and Equipment Warm Up areas if you need one. After your Equipment Warm Up, your unit will be led to the Performance Gym. You will be placed in “HOLDING” until your official set up time begins.
- Performance Gym A HORIZONTAL CENTER LINE WILL BE UTILIZED FOR FLOW IN THE PERFORMANCE AREA. (SEE DIAGRAM)



After Performance: Exit the performance area as directed in the diagram above. Your unit will be led back to the cafeteria. Floor folding will be at the Stadium. Props will be led to the Loading Area to load all equipment. (Please fold floors in a timely manner as other units will be following behind you) CAPTAINS ONLY RETREAT will follow the last performing group as scheduled.

If you have a problem with any of your judge's comments, you will need to fill out the WGI Color Guard Instructors Form from your WGI Color Guard and Adjudication Manual and Rule Book.

III. Admission

Admission for all Spectators is \$7.

IV. Concessions

Concession will be available throughout the day at 2 locations: Performance Gym & Cafeteria. Outside food and drink will not be allowed inside the school.

V. Souvenirs and other Merchandise

Bring you extra \$\$\$\$!!

VI. Online Help and Information:

TECA website at <https://www.go-teca.org/>