



**TriState Marching Arts Contest**  
**Saturday, February 14, 2026**  
Warren Central High School  
9500 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46229



Directors,

Thank you for participating in the **2026 Warren Central High School TriState Marching Arts Winter Guard, Percussion & Winds Contest**. We would like to welcome back those who have attended events before at Warren Central High School, and for those that have not, we are glad to host you at this weekend's event. Included in the director packet is information that will assist you with the event.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

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## CONTEST INFORMATION

### **PARKING**

Please refer to the included maps for specific parking areas and traffic routing. Buses, equipment vehicles, and spectators should enter the campus from East 18<sup>th</sup> Street (west side of the campus) and proceed towards the high school (**DOOR 1 – the main school entrance**). **Units will enter/check-in AND unload at Door #1 on the north side of the building (across from the stadium)**. After dropping off students, buses should proceed to the parking lot on the west of the stadium.

**Equipment vehicles may proceed to the Equipment Unloading/Loading area (DOOR 1) on the north side of the building ONE HOUR prior to your warm-up time**. Equipment vehicles arriving earlier than one hour before your warm-up time should proceed to the bus/truck parking lot on the west end of the stadium to wait until that time.

Buses and equipment vehicles should travel **clockwise** around the main drop-off area. Green arrows on map.

After unloading (and loading), equipment vehicles should proceed (return) to the bus/truck parking lot.

### **UNIT CHECK-IN**

- Unit Check-In is located just inside the main entrance (**DOOR 1**).
- Unit members will receive wristbands that identify them as performers. Please be prepared to declare the number of performers. Eight (8) additional wristbands will be provided to unit directors.
- “Homeroom” hallway areas will be available for units. This will be assigned by school.
- Warren Central High School and TMA are **not** responsible for any lost or stolen items. We highly recommend that valuable items are **not** left unattended.

## EQUIPMENT

Equipment will enter (and exit) through Door #1. **Directors will need to make arrangements to unload equipment no earlier than ONE HOUR prior to your warm-up time!** Equipment will be held in the Commons and Hallways. Please assign someone to supervise your equipment in these spaces.

## TRANSIT, WARM-UP, AND PERFORMANCE

- THERE WILL BE NO GUIDES! Please familiarize yourself with the maps provided.
- Units should be ready to move from the equipment holding area to their warm-up area **fifteen (15) minutes** prior to the start of your warm-up time.
  - **FOR PERCUSSION/WINDS:** Warm-up Area A is located in the south side of the fieldhouse. Warm-up Area B is located in the cafeteria. Please refer to the Unit Routing map and posted signs for contest flow.
  - **FOR COLOR GUARDS:** Warm-up Area A & B are located in the fieldhouse. Please refer to the Unit Routing map and posted signs for contest flow.
- All props & percussion equipment must be on wheels/rollers. Please do **NOT** drag timpani pedals or any equipment on any surface! Please be sure that all props are taped/padded as to not harm any floor surface. Equipment and instruments will be inspected in the equipment staging/holding area.
- Warm up: **There is NO warm up time set-up time. Your time begins when you start entering the room. There also is NO warm up exit time.** The warm-up area should be vacated by your transit to performance time. You should not be playing up until your time is up.
- Performers must have footwear available prior and following their performance.
- The performance area is 75' x 100' with no extra room on the backside. Electrical power will be available at both the front and back centerline.
- **The timeline is VERTICAL.** Units will enter from the back left and exit from the back right (from the audience's perspective). Staff and prop crew members should be prepared to show their passes/wristbands prior to entering the gymnasium.

## FOLLOWING THE PERFORMANCE

Units will return to the Commons/Door #1 immediately following your performance. Please keep equipment and instruments towards the south wall (to the left) to allow other groups to transit to their warm-up/performance. The Fieldhouse next to Warm-Up Area A will be available for tarp refolding. Please make sure all equipment and instruments are out of the way of other groups before refolding your tarp.

***We ask that all units be considerate and keep noise/volume levels to a minimum around the warm-up areas. Thank you!***

**Directors will need to make arrangements to have equipment vehicles ready for loading as equipment and props must be removed from the building immediately following your performance.** Equipment vehicles should proceed immediately to the truck parking lot (west of the stadium) after loading.

## AWARDS

There will be **two** award ceremonies. Please check the schedule for award times. Awards will be unit captains **only**. Unit captains will line up in performance order in the hallway east of the gymnasium/unit entrance **immediately before** the final unit's performance. Unit captains will enter the gymnasium with TMA staff. Please notify the TMA Director/Contest Director if you are not able to stay for awards.

## CRITIQUE

Judge's commentaries will be available via CompetitionSuite shortly after your performance. Videos are not provided. Directors can sign the Educational Video agreement at check in for an Educational Video Badge. The unit representative must sit in the designated area marked with Educational Video Seat signage.

Critique will be held in the WCHS East Cafeteria following the last performance. **Directors should sign up for critique at the Unit Check-In table.**

*PLEASE LISTEN TO THE COMMENTARIES PRIOR TO YOUR CRITIQUE SESSION!*

## CONTEST OPERATIONS

If you have any questions or concerns about the event, the Executive Director/Contest Director will be happy to assist you. For anything related to the facility, the show host is available to help.

## FIRST AID

The First Aid station is located in the trainer's room located in main competition gym next to the performer entrance. Please let a contest volunteer know if you are in need of any assistance.

## HOSPITALITY

A hospitality area for directors, staff, and drivers will be available for those displaying the proper credentials.

## SPECTATORS

Spectator parking will be in the west and south lots of the high school. Spectators will enter through **DOOR 25**. Signs will be posted to direct spectators to the ticket area. Ticket sales will begin at **11:30 am**.

Spectators will need to show their wristband to gain admittance to the performance area (gymnasium). The gymnasium will open at **11:30 am**.

## CONCESSIONS

Please encourage your students and parents to visit our concession area located in the gymnasium lobby! **CARD PAYMENTS ARE PREFERRED**, but **CASH** will be accepted for concessions only.

## TICKET PRICES

- **All ticketing will be CASHLESS**. Please communicate this with your parents and supporters!
- Adults: **\$10.00**/ticket + **\$1** credit card convenience fee per ticket
- Children under 6 are **free**
- Individuals with TMA staff/logistic badges are admitted **free**

## PAPERLESS EVENT

We will **not** be providing printed director packets. Please reference the TMA website for all necessary information. Maps and signage will be posted throughout the building.



## TRISTATE MARCHING ARTS CONTEST

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## SPECTATOR INFORMATION

### CONTEST ADDRESS

Use the following address for directions to the event site:

Warren Central High School  
9500 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

### SPECTATOR PARKING

Spectators should enter the campus from East 16<sup>th</sup> Street (south side of campus) and park in the lots west of the high school (by the marching band trucks and practice field). **Please be careful of equipment vehicle traffic while in the parking lots.**

### SPECTATOR ENTRANCE/WRISTBANDS

The spectator entrance is on the west side of the building. Enter through **DOOR 25**.

You will receive a wristband for admission into the performance area (gymnasium). **ALL** spectators will need a wristband for admission. Doors will open only between performances. No one will be admitted while any performance is in progress.

Ticket sales begin at **11:30 am**. The performance area (gymnasium) will open at **11:30 am**.

### TICKET PRICES

- **ALL ticketing will be CASHLESS.**
- Adults – **\$10.00**/ticket + **\$1** convenience fee per ticket
- Children 6 and under – **free**
- School principals – **free** with school credentials/valid ID

### CONCESSIONS

Concessions will be available throughout the day in the gymnasium lobby area & Hall of Fame.

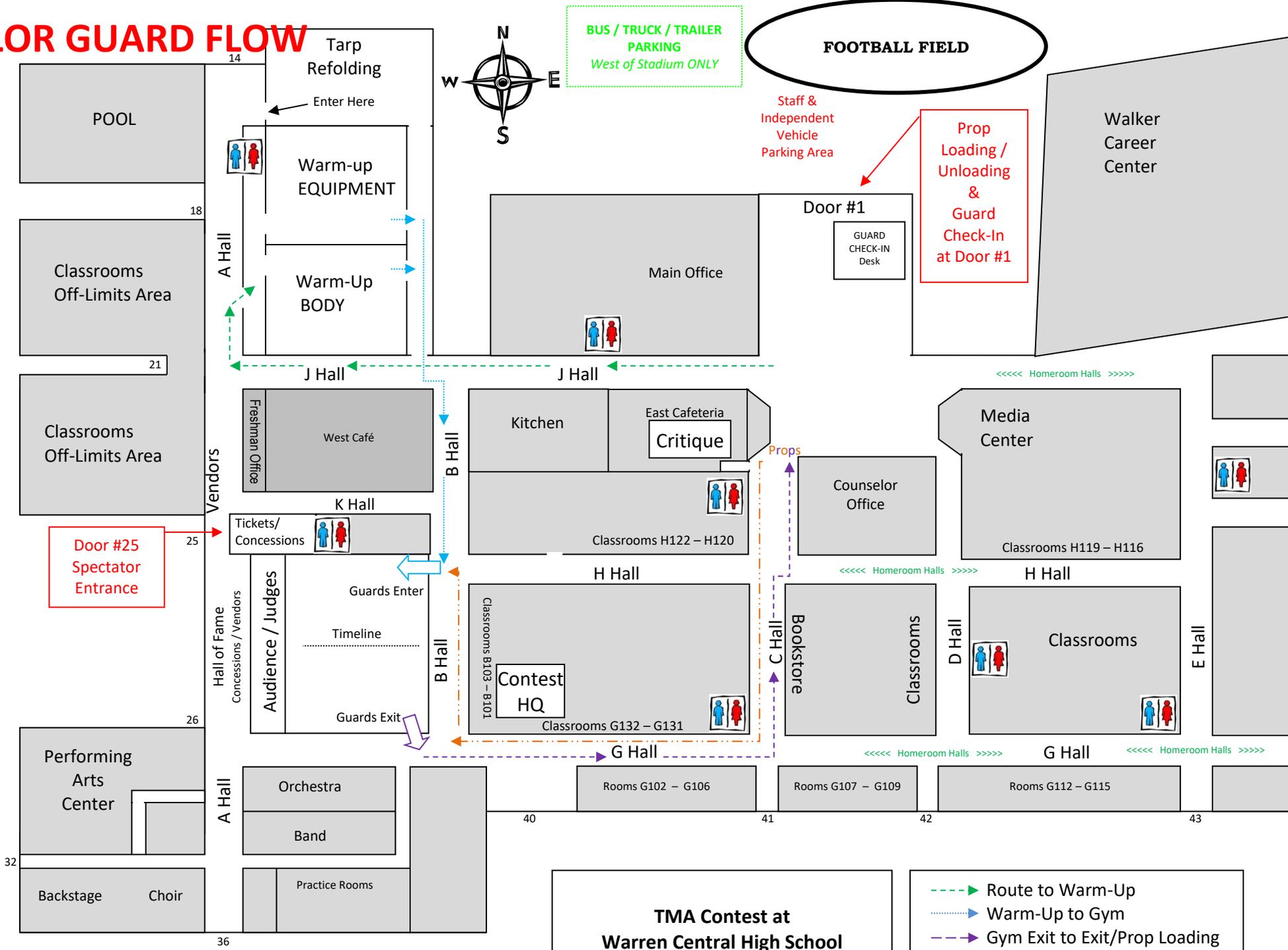
Food, drinks, or coolers may **NOT** be carried into the building.

All Warren Township school campuses and buildings are smoke-free.



# COLOR GUARD FLOW

Spectator Parking



Door #25 Spectator Entrance

Prop Loading / Unloading & Guard Check-In at Door #1

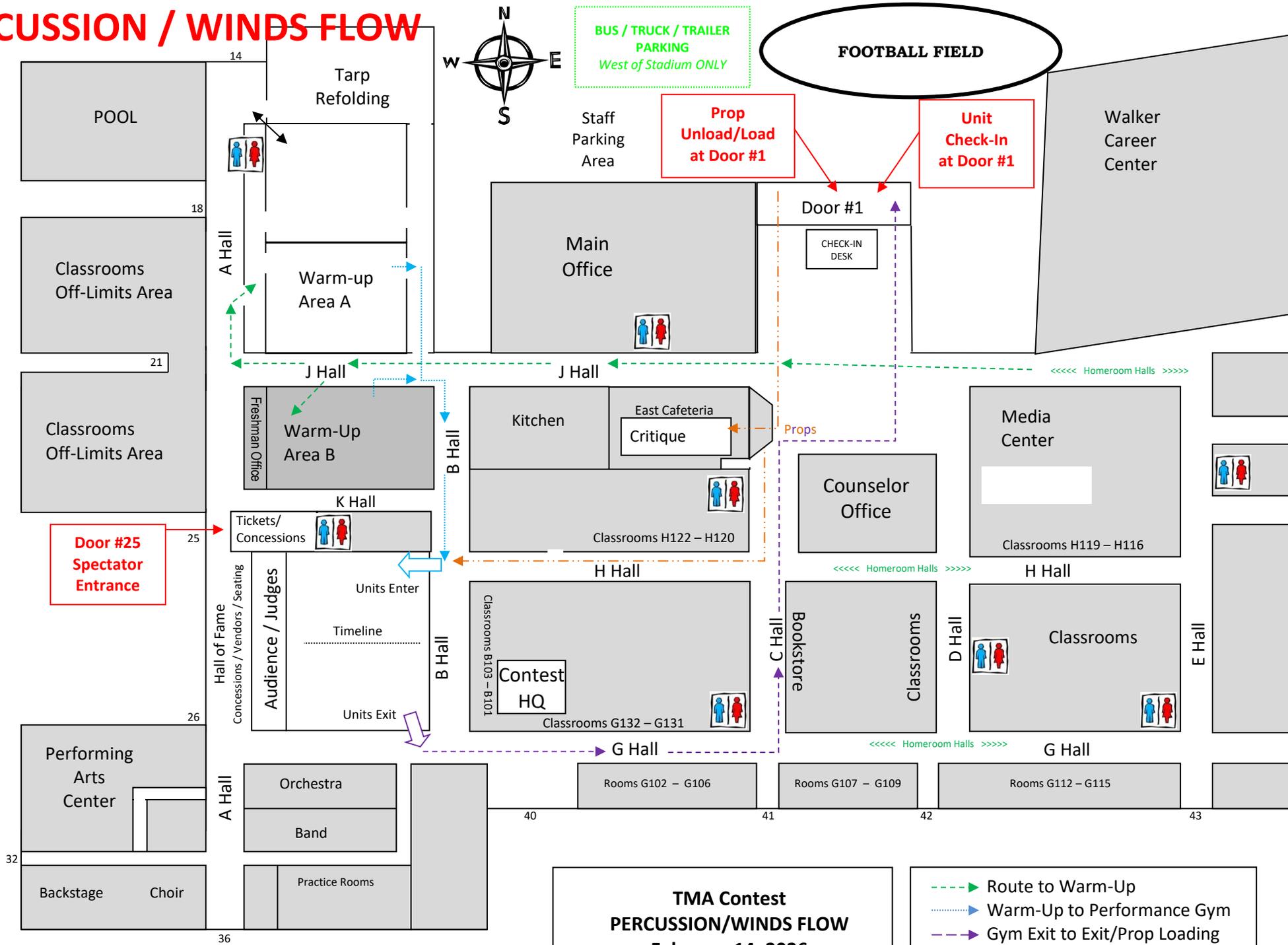
**TMA Contest at  
Warren Central High School  
COLOR GUARD FLOW  
February 14, 2026**

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- - - - - ▶ Warm-Up to Gym
- - - - - ▶ Gym Exit to Exit/Prop Loading
- - - - - ▶ Prop Staging and Route
- Restrooms

← 16<sup>th</sup> Street →

# PERCUSSION / WINDS FLOW

Spectator Parking



BUS / TRUCK / TRAILER PARKING  
West of Stadium ONLY

FOOTBALL FIELD

Prop Unload/Load at Door #1

Unit Check-In at Door #1

Door #25 Spectator Entrance

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