



WBA Grand Championships Contest Information

Contest Date: Sunday, November 19, 2017
Location: Veterans Memorial Stadium at Buchanan High School
1560 N. Minnewawa Avenue, Clovis, CA 93619

Admission:

- Single admission good for all Saturday & Sunday performances (no individual day pricing)
- \$20.00 for Adults; \$15.00 (over 62)
- \$15.00 for Children 5-12 years of age; Under 4 years FREE
- All tickets are non-refundable

Ticket Office Opens: 8:30 am

Gates Open: 9:00 am

Contest Start Time: 10:00 am

Emergency Contact:

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Band Check-In

- When you first arrive at Veterans Stadium, please come to Band Check-In, located by the performance entrance. You will receive any last-minute information or schedule adjustments.
- You will also receive awards finale setup to pass on to your drum majors.
- Band Check-In will open at 8:00 a.m.

Performer/Staff Entry

- Your WBA staff passes will allow entrance into the stadium all day. Please keep visible when entering the stadium.
- Performers in uniform/costume do not need to wear wristbands for performance, as all uniformed students will be admitted.
- Performers out of uniform will need a wristband given to you at Band Check-In.
- All pit crew/non-uniformed personnel will need to have a Pit Pass or official WBA pass in order to be admitted to the Stadium. Please inform your students and staff of these policies.

Bus/Truck Parking

- Please follow instructions on the performance schedule as to what gate to enter. Your vehicles must enter in the correct gate in order to reach your assigned parking area.
- Please refer to Contest Site Maps for your band's assigned parking area.
- WBA volunteers will be on hand to meet you upon arrival and will give your drivers parking instructions.

Band Warm-Up

- Please see enclosed maps for designated warm-up areas.
- Be considerate of the band performing on the field and make sure your band is facing a direction that will not disrupt the performances in the stadium. There can be no sound bleed into the stadium.
- **The use of Dr. Beats, jam blocks, other time keeping devices and the use of long rangers and megaphone amplification devices cannot interfere with the performances occurring in the stadium. Any band using these devices during their warm-up and disrupting a competing band in the stadium will face a ONE POINT penalty to be assessed by the chief judge.**
- It is your responsibility to manage your warm-up and report to the performance entry at your designated time.
- Your pit and props should move toward the stadium 15 minutes prior to the rest of the band.

Motorized Vehicles in the Stadium

- At no time may a motorized vehicle be inside the performance area of the field. They can only be driven on the turf surrounding the field and not on the performance field, the end zone or the white sideline.

Hash Marks

- High School markings dividing the field into equal thirds, 53'4" from the front and back sidelines.

Restrooms and Changing Facilities

- There will be portable restrooms located in the Bus/Truck parking lots as well as restrooms in the stadium.
- Locker rooms will be open for dressing as well as additional restrooms will be open in the center of campus. Refer to the map for locations.

Band Food Service

- Grilling and open flames are prohibited in the Bus/Truck parking areas.
- Outside food and beverages are NOT allowed in the stadium. Please inform your students and boosters of this policy.
- Please do not leave any garbage behind in your parking area; it is your responsibility to clean up after your band and remove all trash.

Finalists

- The top three (3) from each of the 1A, 2A, & 3A classes plus the next six (6) highest scores will advance to the 1A-2A-3A Combined Grand Championship. Bands will perform in reverse order of class championship score regardless of class.

- The top three (3) from each of the 4A & 5A classes plus the next nine (9) highest scores regardless of class will advance to the 4A-5A Combined Grand Championship. Bands will perform in reverse order of class championship score regardless of class.

Tiebreaker Rule

- WBA tiebreaker rule states that whenever a tie occurs, the band that has the higher score in General Effect will become the higher placing band. If GE scores are tied, then the Music score will break the tie.
- Ties are broken only with each class of competition to determine placement. However, if two bands tie from two different classes are progressing into Grand Finals, then the tie will be broken to determine order of performance.
- Should two bands at the “break point” tie for progression into Grand Finals, the tie is broken for performance order purposes but both bands will be allowed to advance.

Awards

- Finale will be all band performers with no equipment. Bands should follow instructions received at Band-Check In.
- Medallions for individual members of the first, second, and third place in each combined class.
- Championship banner for the champion in each combined class.
- Trophies will be presented to the first, second, and third place in each combined class.
- Finalist plaques for each participating band.
- Caption awards in each combined class as follows:
 - Best Music: highest Individual Music plus highest Ensemble Music scores
 - Best Visual: highest Individual Visual plus highest Ensemble Visual scores
 - Best General Effect: highest Music Effect plus highest Visual Effect scores
 - Best Percussion: highest total Percussion score
 - Best Auxiliary: highest total Color Guard score
- Championship patches for all performers (mailed to your school after the event)

Inclement Weather

- In the event of inclement weather, decisions regarding championship performance schedule will be communicated to all participating bands via text, email, and website posting.

Spectator Information

- There is ample spectator parking at stadium (see enclosed map). There is no fee to park in spectator lot.
- Ticket sales will only be sold near the spectator/band entrance at the northwest side of the stadium. Ticket office opens at 8:30 am.
- Outside food and beverage are **NOT** allowed into the stadium.
- Tripods or other similar equipment that may obstruct the view or path of travel of others in seating areas are not allowed and will be removed by stadium personnel.

Photography & Video

- WBA has been advised that the director’s educational copy provided to each group at past championships is contrary to the position of music rights holders and licensing agencies who represent them. There remain unresolved legal questions with regards to “fair use” in this

situation. WBA has decided not to provide educational copies to groups participating at this year's championships until further discussions can occur in the hopes of finding a solution that is acceptable to all parties.

- Any liability associated with unauthorized recordings will rest with the individual or organization making the recording. WBA does not condone, nor accept any liability for, any unauthorized recording during the event.
- Use of cameras of any kind are NOT ALLOWED on the field for this event. Please communicate this to your parent/booster group.
- Still cameras (digital or film, professional or otherwise) are allowed into the stadium and may be used from stadium seating, but not on the field.
- Tripods or other similar equipment that may obstruct the view or path of travel of others in seating areas are not allowed.

Western Band Association is extremely proud and honored to have your marching band participate in the 2017 WBA Championships. It is our goal to provide all your student musicians and performers the best possible experience as a fitting finale to a great marching band season. Safe travels to Fresno and we look forward to seeing some great performances!

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VETERAN'S STADIUM @ BUCHANAN H.S.**

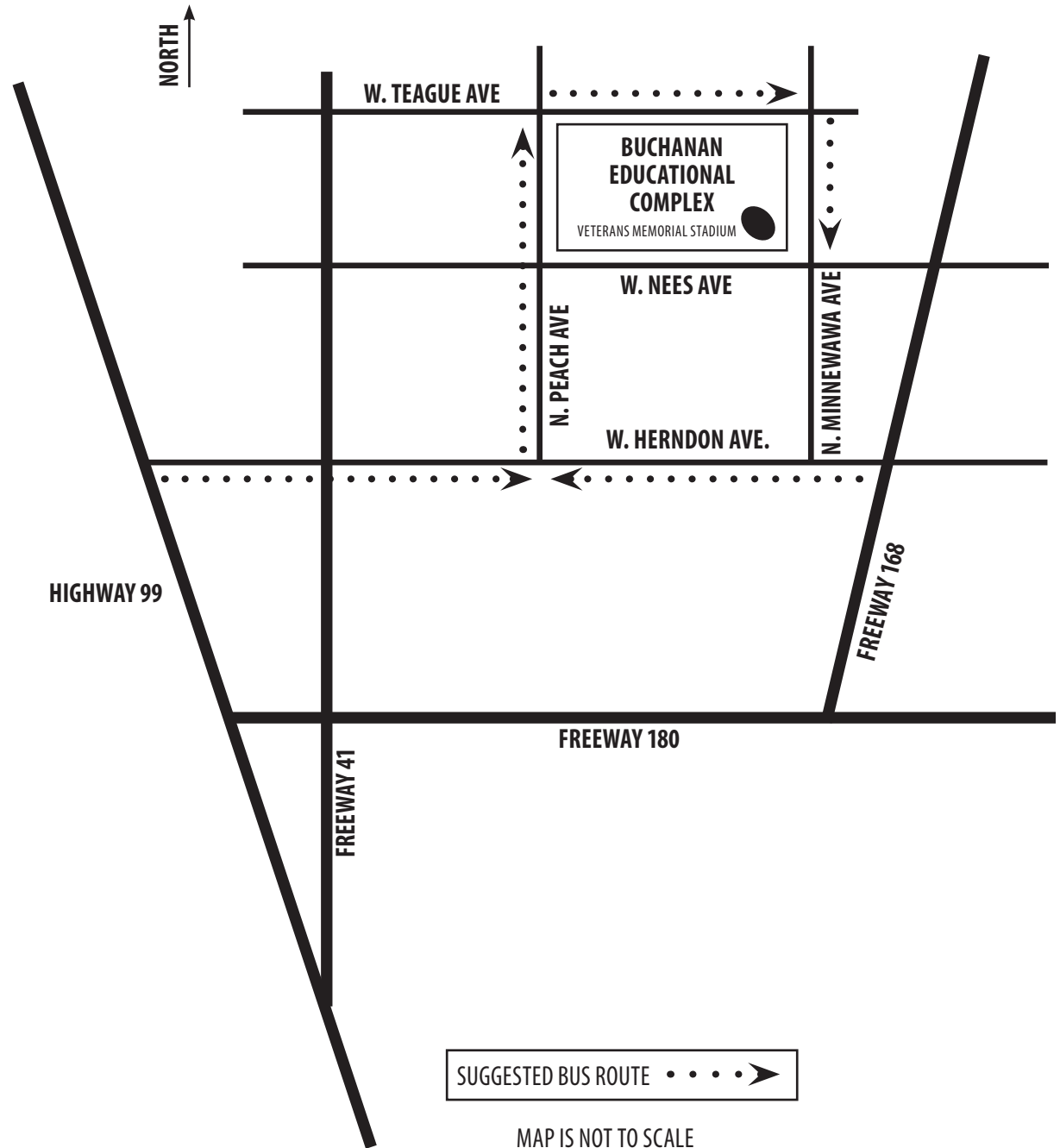
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1. Highway 99 south
2. Take Herndon Ave Exit, turn Left at signal light
3. Continue East on Herndon for 11 miles
(15-20 minutes with traffic)
4. Turn Left on N. Peach Ave
5. Check Map to see if your assigned parking is on
N. Peach or W. Teague or N. Minnewawa
*Please follow these driving directions as they will lead you into
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DIRECTIONS FROM THE SOUTH

1. Interstate 5 north
2. Highway 99 north
3. Take the 41 north
4. Take 180 East
5. Take 168 East
6. Take Herndon Ave Exit, turn Left at signal light
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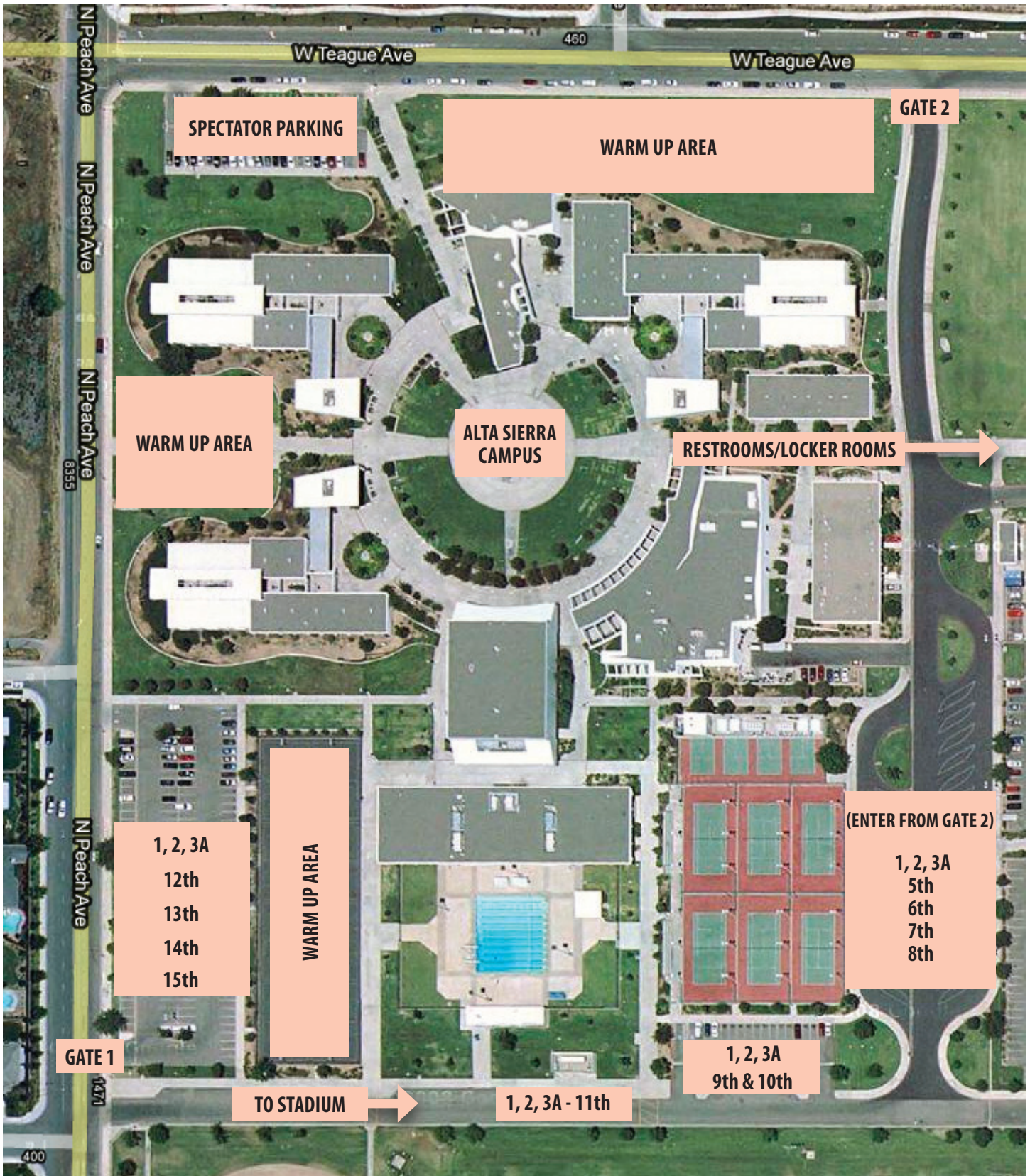
Only registered vehicles & buses will be allowed to park in designated areas. Additional vehicles will be sent to spectator parking or you may park on the surrounding streets. Please check for parking restriction signs on the streets to see if parking is permissible or not.





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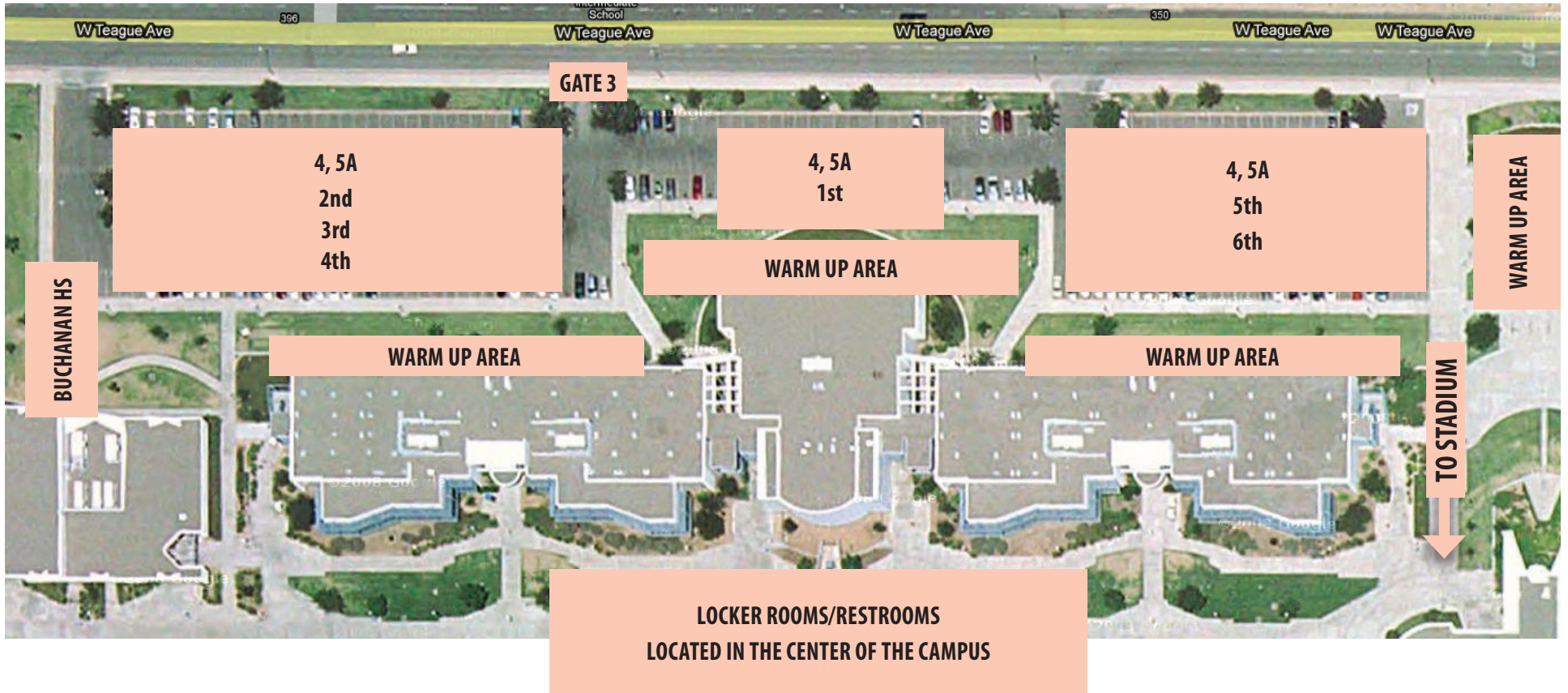
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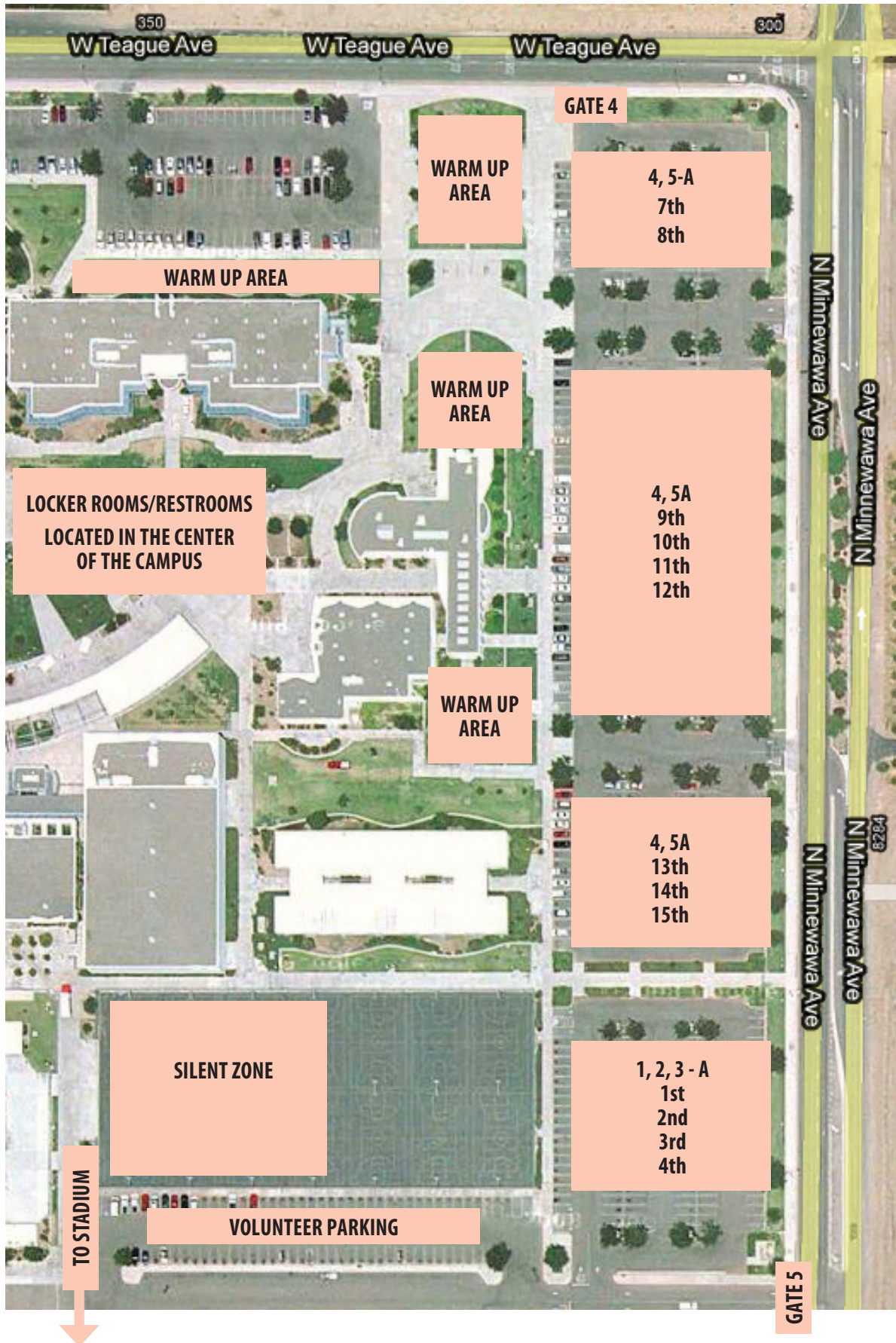
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