

HOUSTONFEST: Saturday, February 7, 2026, Kingwood High School

General Schedule

7:30-8:00	Judges who are not teachers check in and pick up judging packets just inside the entrance. Complimentary breakfast served.
7:45-8:15	Judges who are teachers check in and pick up judging packets just inside the entrance. Complimentary breakfast served.
8:15-8:45	Brief but important judges' meeting in Room 2310.
8:00-9:00	Students set up their art entries in the designated rooms and sign up for times to compete in Classical Ensemble, Contemporary Music, Directed Dialogue, Duet Acting, Extemporaneous Speaking, Pair Discussion, Poetry Memory, Polka Band, Prose Memory, Scavenger Hunt, Sight Reading, and Vocal Solo. The sign-up lists will be posted next to the doors of the rooms.
9:00	Competition begins. Timed Writing session #1 of 2 begins. Judging of art events begins; art rooms off-limits to all but the judges.
9:30	Timed Writing session #2 of 2 begins. Training of written-testing proctors begins in Room 4206.
10:00-11:30	Advantaged Speaker Test: all contestants must arrive by 10:00; this is the only opportunity of the day to take the test; no late admission.
10:00-2:30	Written testing: 9 sessions beginning 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00. Just show up for any session.
~12:00-2:00	The three art rooms (2208, 2209, 2210) open for browsing (look but don't touch!) from end of judging through 2:00.
12:30-1:00	Most contests end. Folk Dance ends at 1:45, Novice <i>Pass auf!</i> at 12:30, Varsity <i>Pass auf!</i> and written tests at 2:30.
	Lunch: Berlin Food Factory and KAOW (Asian) trucks in parking lot; Jeremiah's Italian Ice and concession stand in cafeteria.
1:00-1:30	Meet-and-greet with German professors from the University of Houston in 2106. Drop by and learn about the UH German program.
1:30-2:00	First chance to retrieve art entries (not earlier; second chance will come after awards ceremony). Gather in the auditorium.
2:00	Entertainment by the band Das ist lustig and folk-dance troupes Das ist keine Kunst and Tanzenfest in the auditorium.
~4:00	Announcement of awards in the auditorium.
~5:00	Last chance to retrieve art entries ; art rooms will be unlocked immediately after the end of the ceremony.

Judging Assignments

Event	Room	Judges
Advantaged Speaker Test	4109	Jennifer Martin
Classical Ensemble, Polka Band	4113	Brian Berlin, Robert Herridge
Club Album	2208	Patrick McFadden, Veronika Reznichenko
Contemporary Music	4416	Tanya Bandmann, Emily De Arman
Crafts	2210	Sailor MacTavish, Laura Risky
Culture	4302	Bryan Galloway, Lisa Kelley
Directed Dialogue 1	2113	Kathrin Correll, Michael Rossow
Directed Dialogue 2	2112	Frank Kraatz, Alexander Stroer, Claudia Werner
Doll Costume	2210	Josephine Griffith, Diane Sullivan
Duet Acting Lower	2305	Anja Drewes Neidhardt, Robert Goldmann
Duet Acting Upper	2304	Sylvia Ehret, Alison Wimmer
Extemporaneous Speaking facilitator	2104	Karin Klinger, Aurea Portillo
Extemporaneous Speaking 3	2105	Markus Hatzelmann, Sabine McCain
Extemporaneous Speaking 4	2103	Gerhard Ade, Hildegard Glass
Extemporaneous Speaking Advantaged	2102	Nora Neu, Justus Völpel
Folk Dance (<i>Einzeltanz</i>), Folk Dance (Team)	4310	Piper Brown, Zachary Brown, Jacob Desporte, Brayden Montgomery, Kaity Nelson, Erich Wolz; Josephine Griffith (Team only); monitors: Dylan White (9:00-11:00), Arianna Alvarez (11:00-end)
Gingerbread House (Non-Traditional)	2210	Tim Corman, Anushka Desai
Gingerbread House (Traditional)	2210	Teresa Flores, Hannah Henry
Grammar	4303	Connie Galloway, Natalie Wilkes
Listening Comprehension	4206	Kylie Day, Chloe Wellman
Needlework	2210	Arianna Alvarez, Siobhan Madden
Original Models	2210	Bernard Gordon, Günter Sundag
Pair Discussion	2111	Burhanuddin Calcuttawala, Manuela Sieber
<i>Pass auf!</i> (Novice)	2408	Taleed Atieh, Brandon Collins, Cade Ellis
<i>Pass auf!</i> (Varsity)	2407	Lauren Davis, Sarah Smith
Photography	2209	Friedhelm Luening, Markus Wimmer
Poetry Memory 1, 2	2204	Robert Gervais, Stephanie Sladek
Poetry Memory 3, 4	2205	Chuck Bearden, Sabina Entzian
Poetry Memory & Prose Memory Advant.	2203	Heidi Hoth, Steve Wynne
Poster Design	2209	Bettina Albermann, Andrea Duarte Gonzalez
Prose Memory 1, 2	2207	Christean Kapp, Stanley Stifflemire
Prose Memory 3, 4	2307	Svenja Karad, Brigitte Therivel
Puppet Show Lower, Upper	2306	Martin Karad, Karen Schmidt
Reading Comprehension	4304	Norma Perez Duran, Colby Williams
Scavenger Hunt	2409	Seth Hulse, Alexander Ricks; monitors: E./T. Heckart, F. Lam, J. Madden, C. Hoth-Humphries
Shirt Design	2208	Jamie Overstreet, Ann Marie Schrock
Sight Reading 1	2109	Ute Hoefel, Lisa Parrott
Sight Reading 2	2110	Karen Frye, Alex Loddoch
Sight Reading 3	2108	Ursula Fritz, Michael Wiechert
Sight Reading 4	2107	Erhard Linnes, Juergen Mueller
Skit 1, 2	4210	Brenda Bauske, Judy Herman
Skit 3, 4	2206	Fatima Baig, Mark Johnson, Hans Juergen Zachrau
Spelling	4207	Jennifer Williams; graders: Joellyn Brugger, Kirsten Mays
Timed Writing	4205	Valentina Slaveva, Christina Tower
Vocabulary	4305	John Davis, Deirdre Rozowski
Vocal Solo	4413	Suzi Byrd, Valina Witte

Reserve Judges/Volunteers	4310	Stephen Patton (V); Jens Schmieder (J); 1 from DD2 and Skit 3/4; 1 or 2 from Gingerbread
Director	at large	Rustin Buck (assistant: Henry Innes) (special assignment: Christine Womack)
Host	at large	David Kniess
Judge Check-In	4310	Beverly Randall, Susan Dworaczyk
Parking Lot	Parking Lot	KHS students
Breakfast + Proctor/Tab Lunch	at large	Emily Tidey, Kristin Lambert Herbst, Courtney McGrew, Fred McGrew, Roger Tidey, Doris Willcox
Written Testing "Scantron Room"	Library	Beverly Randall, Susan Dworaczyk, Heinz Schmidt, KPHS runners
Tabulation Room (intake, bagging)	Library	Mary Kay Buehler, Jamie Overstreet, Veronika Reznichenko, Laura Rissky, Piper Williamson
Tabulation Room (data entry)	Library	Sandy Harvey (until 12:30), Yvonne Thomas
Art Room Monitors (~12:00-2:00)	2108/09/10	Anushka Desai (after Ging. H.), Teresa Flores (after Ging. H.), Veronica Nelson, Dylan White
Awards Set-Up and Distribution	Auditorium	Rustin Buck, Henry Innes, David Kniess, Kingwood parents/students, adult folk dancers

Room Finder

Awards & Entertainment	Auditorium	Grammar	4303	Puppet Show, Lower	2306
Advantaged Speaker Test	4109	Listening Comprehension	4206	Puppet Show, Upper	2306
Classical Ensemble	4113	Needlework	2210	Reading Comprehension	4304
Club Album	2208	Original Models	2210	Scantron Room	Library
Contemporary Music	4416	Pair Discussion	2111	Scavenger Hunt	2409
Crafts	2210	<i>Pass auf!</i> (Novice)	2408	Shirt Design	2208
Culture	4302	<i>Pass auf!</i> (Varsity)	2407	Sight Reading 1	2109
Directed Dialogue 1	2113	Photography	2209	Sight Reading 2	2110
Directed Dialogue 2	2112	Poetry Memory 1	2204	Sight Reading 3	2108
Doll Costume	2210	Poetry Memory 2	2204	Sight Reading 4	2107
Duet Acting, Lower Level	2305	Poetry Memory 3	2205	Skit 1	4210
Duet Acting, Upper Level	2304	Poetry Memory 4	2205	Skit 2	4210
Extemporaneous Speaking - get topic	2104	Poetry Memory Advantaged	2203	Skit 3	2206
Extemporaneous Speaking 3 - judging	2105	Polka Band	4113	Skit 4	2206
Extemporaneous Speaking 4 - judging	2103	Poster Design	2209	Spelling	4207
Extemporaneous Speaking Advantaged - judging	2102	Prose Memory 1	2207	Tabulation Room	Library
Folk Dance (Einzeltanz)	4310	Prose Memory 2	2207	Timed Writing	4205
Folk Dance (Team)	4310	Prose Memory 3	2307	UH professors 1:00-1:30	2106
Gingerbread House (Non-Traditional)	2210	Prose Memory 4	2307	Vocabulary	4305
Gingerbread House (Traditional)	2210	Prose Memory Advantaged	2203	Vocal Solo	4413

Group Performance Schedule

Puppets (Lower), 2306	Skit 1, 4210	Skit 3, 2206	Einzeltanz, 4310	Folk Dance (Team), 4310
9:00 Kingwood	9:00 Kingwood	9:00 Grand Oaks	9:00 Kingwood (SC/EP)	11:15 Kingwood
9:20 Grand Oaks	9:15 Pin Oak MS	9:20 Heights	9:10 Kingwood (EA/ZH)	11:40 Jordan
9:40 Tompkins	9:30 Grand Oaks	9:40 Tompkins	9:20 Bellaire (AG/AL)	12:05 Brazoswood
10:00 Clements	9:50 Jordan	10:05 Kingwood	9:35 Jordan (EJ/SM)	12:30 Tompkins
Puppets (Upper), 2306	10:05 Tompkins	10:25 Bellaire	9:45 Jordan (EK/LN)	12:55 The Woodlands
10:40 Kingwood	10:20 Bellaire	Skit 4, 2206	9:55 Tompkins (AB/HS)	1:20 Tomball Memorial
11:00 Clements	Skit 2, 4210	10:55 Kingwood	10:05 Brazoswood (ME/EL)	Note: Students will choose their own times for the other group events (Classical Ens., Contemp. Music, Duet Acting, Pair Disc., Polka Band, Scavenger Hunt).
11:20 Grand Oaks	11:10 Kingwood	11:15 Bellaire	10:20 Tomball Memorial (JM/SS)	
11:40 Travis	11:25 Heights	11:35 Grand Oaks	10:30 Brazoswood (AT/MW)	
12:00 Tomball Memorial	11:40 Bellaire	12:00 Tompkins	10:40 Tomball Memorial (VK/CM)	
12:20 Bellaire	12:05 Tompkins	12:20 Clements	10:50 Tompkins (KC/AFN)	
	12:20 Jordan	12:40 Heights	FYI: Houstonfest began in 1980. This is the 47 th installment. This year we have 558 students, 17 schools, 160+ teachers/volunteers.	
	12:35 Clements			

Note: Students in drama events and folk dance MUST do everything possible to adhere to the scheduled performance times. They should, in fact, arrive 10 minutes BEFORE the scheduled time to get all props, etc. ready. The students should structure the entire rest of their day around their scheduled drama times. If a cast member is involved in a *Pass auf!* game when the drama event is scheduled to start, then they should leave the *Pass auf!* game and go to the drama event. *Pass auf!* teams can continue competing with fewer than 5 members.

Pass auf! First Games

Novice: Tomball Memorial/Jordan 9:00, Grand Oaks/Kingwood 9:30, Clements/Taylor 10:30, Cinco Ranch 11:00
Varsity: Clements/Tompkins 9:00, Grand Oaks/Heights 9:30, Jordan 10:00, Cinco Ranch 10:30, Taylor/Tomball Memorial 11:00, Bellaire 11:30, Kingwood/The Woodlands 12:00

Written Testing Schedule

Advantaged Speaker Test: 10:00 only (lasting until 11:30)
Culture, Grammar, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary (all levels): 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00
Listening Comprehension: Lower Level (1 + 2): 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30; **Upper Level** (3 + 4): 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00
Spelling: Lower Level (1 + 2): 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00; **Upper Level** (3 + 4): 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30
Timed Writing 1 + 2: 9:00, 9:30