

Summer Marching Band Practice (updated August 2016)

Below are the UIL Rules and Interpretations related to summer marching band practice. Any further restrictions are at the discretion of a school district.

C&CR Section 1105 (d):

(d) DIRECTOR'S COMPLIANCE STATEMENT. Each entry in the UIL region contest shall be accompanied by the following statement signed by the director:

(1) "The members of this marching band or any of its components did not begin the marching preparation for this UIL contest presentation prior to August 1. In addition, no more than 10 hours of supervised instructional time was devoted to marching fundamentals between the end of the previous school term and August 1." EXCEPTION: Auxiliary camps, leadership training and preparation for special summer events such as civic parades, professional football game appearances and other non-competitive performances are not considered a violation of this limitation. (Also in *TEA/UIL Side by Side*)

(2) A signed parent/student UIL Marching Band Acknowledgement Form has been filed with the school principal or his designee for each participant in the competing organization.

(3) The director(s) of this organization recognize(s) the importance of the total educational process and have remained sensitive to each student's needs in terms of academic pursuits, family life and extracurricular activities; and,

(4) The director(s) of this organization have/has maintained a reasonable and proper balance of pre-school and out-of school rehearsal schedules.

UIL Interpretation

The exception above for camps, leadership training, and other public performances should not be exploited in an attempt to begin preparations for the fall competitive marching portion of a show or to exceed the permitted 10 hours of fundamentals prior to August 1. Directors should be prepared to defend how any exception is not a violation.

Under no circumstance should a band begin to learn any drill formations and/or set sequences to be used in the fall competitive show prior to August 1st (this includes any time prior to the end of the prior school year).

The following question is from the eight-hour rule FAQ (see link below):

Q: If the drum major or section leader calls an extra rehearsal for individuals or sections of the band will the extra rehearsal count towards the eight hours? Answer: Yes. Therefore, it is the opinion of the state office that any time students spend practicing marching (non-music elements of the show) between the end of the school year and August 1 should count towards the 10 hour maximum.

Safety Training

State law mandates that all marching band directors annually complete an online safety course, which can be found at www.uil texas.org/music.

Summer Music Rehearsals

UIL has no rules that address music rehearsal time during the summer months – including any time spent on the music in the fall competitive show.

Practice Time from August 1 to first day of School

UIL has no rules that address practice time – music or marching - for marching bands between August 1st and the first week of school in late August. Any restrictions or guidelines are determined by the school district.

Practice Time after School Begins in August

Beginning the first day of instruction of the school year a marching band and its components are limited to 8 hours of practice per calendar week.

Please see the following link for a FAQ:

<http://www.uiltexas.org/music/marching-band/eight-hour-marching-band-rule-qa>

C&CR Section 1105 (e):

(e) MARCHING REHEARSALS DURING SEASON. Effective the first day of instruction of the school year a marching band and its auxiliary components are limited to a maximum of eight hours of rehearsal outside the academic school day per calendar week.