

**Proposal for Rule Change Pilot Associated with the
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This proposal, submitted by the UIL/TMEA music advisory committee, is to begin a pilot that would exempt full orchestras from sight-reading as a group at the concert and sight-reading evaluation.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

A full orchestra consists of string players (orchestra students), wind players (band students), and percussionists (band students). Finding sight-reading music for full orchestras is difficult due to the fact that most full-orchestra literature is much older than most band literature (several hundred years, as opposed to just over a hundred years). Therefore, many composers are not willing to write for full orchestra (especially for the levels that are appropriate for sight-reading) because the demand for new full orchestra music is very low.

All students in the full orchestra would be required to sight-read either with the school's band or the school's string orchestra during the same school year. If the string players in the full orchestra do not participate in sight-reading with a string orchestra from the school, those students will sight-read the appropriate level string orchestra piece as assigned in the *Prescribed Music List*. Many string orchestra pieces are being composed due to the demand. For example, most school orchestra classes consist only of string players; therefore, a school's full orchestra would likely have to rehearse outside of the school day in order to combine the wind (band), percussion (band), and string (orchestra) students.

C. Proposed Amendment

No amendment to the UIL *Constitution & Contest Rules*. This proposal would be implemented as a pilot, with results reported back to the standing committee on music for further consideration.

D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools

This pilot could result in lower expenses for sheet music & judges.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this pilot shall be effective August 1, 2018.