

The following rule was passed on June 12, 2018 by the UIL Legislative Council and **takes effect on August 1, 2018**, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

C&CR Section 1105(e): MARCHING BAND REHEARSALS DURING SEASON. Effective the fourth Monday in August a marching band and its auxiliary components are limited to a maximum of eight hours of rehearsal outside of the academic school day per calendar week*. Exception: For schools that begin instruction prior to the fourth Monday in August the limit of eight hours of rehearsal outside of the academic school day per calendar week* shall begin on the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day. Schools under this exception shall be limited to eight hours of rehearsal outside of the academic day per school week* until the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day.

***Calendar week** is defined as 12:01 a.m. Sunday through midnight on Saturday. **School week** is defined as 12:01 a.m. on the first instructional day of a calendar week through the close of instruction on the last instructional day of the calendar week, excluding holidays.

In 2018 the fourth Monday in August is August 27; therefore, this new rule will apply to you in the 2018-2019 school year if your school starts prior to this date.

For example, if your first day of school in 2018 is Wednesday, August 15 the following practice limits would apply (adjust based on your school calendar):

Prior to August 1: all current limitations apply

August 1 to August 14: no state imposed restrictions on rehearsal time

Wednesday, August 15 (12:01 AM) to the end of the school day on Friday, August 17: maximum of 8 hours of practice outside of the school day

End of the school day on Friday, August 17 through the end of the day Sunday, August 19: no state imposed restrictions on rehearsal time

Monday, August 20 (12:01 AM) to the end of the school day on Friday, August 24: maximum of 8 hours of practice outside of the school day

End of the school day on Friday, August 24 through the end of the day Sunday, August 26: no state imposed restrictions on rehearsal time

Monday, August 27 (12:01 AM) to the end of the school day on Friday, August 31: maximum of 8 hours of practice outside of the school day

End of the school day on Friday, August 31 through the end of the day Monday, September 3 (Labor Day): no state imposed restrictions on rehearsal time

Tuesday, September 4 (day after Labor Day – 12:01 AM) through the end of the day Saturday, September 8: maximum of 8 hours of practice outside of the school day

Sunday, September 9 through the end of the day Saturday, September 17 (and all remaining weeks in the marching band season): maximum of 8 hours of practice outside of the school day

All rules passed by the legislative council on June 12, 2018 are posted here:
<http://www.uilTEXAS.org/files/media/June2018LegCouncilPassedProposals2.pdf>

