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Schools that are not in session due to Tropical Storm Imelda may have Marching Band practices with local school administration approval. During what would normally be the school week, Monday through Friday, practices shall be limited to a maximum of 13 hours. This includes the eight hours normally allowed by law outside of school, plus sixty minutes per school day that would be allowed during the band period.

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For a school that was not in session for 1 to 3 school days due to Tropical Storm Imelda, UIL is permitting **one weekend waiver** to the UIL rule that limits marching band practice to 8-hours per calendar week outside the school day. **For a school that was not in session for 4 or more school days** due to Tropical Storm Imelda, UIL is permitting **two weekend waivers** to the UIL rule that limits marching band practice to 8-hours per calendar week outside the school day. This waiver still requires that affected marching bands remain under the state law limitation of 8-hours of rehearsal per school week (12:01 AM 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); however, with local administration approval, an affected marching band could have practice time on the weekend that is beyond the 8-hours allowed by state law during the school week.

If you have questions about this waiver, or any other UIL questions related to the storm, please feel free to contact the UIL staff at music@uiltexas.org or (512) 471-5883.