

**Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Contest Procedures**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to UIL contest policy would advance 12 bands to the state finals, should 30 or more bands qualify for the contest, and advance 14 bands to the state finals, should 40 or more bands qualify for the contest.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Current contest procedure advances seven bands to state finals if there are less than 20 bands, 10 bands to state finals if there are 20 to 35 bands, and 12 bands to state finals if there are 36 or more qualifying bands. Occasionally, the state contest can reach 40 - or slightly more than 40 - bands. When this scenario occurs the percentage of bands advancing to the state finals is much lower than when there are less bands. Advancing 12 bands to state finals when there are 30 to 39 qualifying bands and advancing 14 bands to state finals when there are 40 or more qualifying bands would increase the percentage of schools advancing to state finals at the larger contests, creating a more equitable number of schools advancing to state finals in each conference.

C. Proposed Amendment

State marching band advancement procedures would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

If there are 20 to ~~35~~ 29 bands in a state contest the top 10 bands will advance from the preliminary round to the final round. In addition, any band below tenth place that receives a ranking of three or higher from at least two of the music judges and one of the marching judges will also advance to the final round.

If there are ~~36~~ 30 TO 39 ~~or more~~ bands in a state contest the top 12 bands will advance from the preliminary round to the final round. In addition, any band below twelfth place that receives a ranking of three or higher from at least two of the music judges and one of the marching judges will also advance to the final round.

IF THERE ARE 40 OR MORE BANDS IN A STATE CONTEST, THE TOP 14 BANDS WILL ADVANCE FROM THE PRELIMINARY ROUND TO THE FINAL ROUND. IN ADDITION, ANY BAND BELOW FOURTEENTH PLACE THAT RECEIVES A RANKING OF THREE OR HIGHER FROM AT LEAST TWO OF THE MUSIC JUDGES AND ONE OF THE MARCHING JUDGES WILL ALSO ADVANCE TO THE FINAL ROUND.

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

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2019.