TMEA/ATSSB/UIL General Meetings
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The UIL Region 18 Website has been revised, however, it is still in the process of being updated. If you can open a page, it is current.

Website: uilmusicregion18.com

1. 2026-2027 Dates and Sites - UIL Region 18 Calendar:
   a. report any inaccurate information today so it can be resolved. Please get these dates to your Administration and Coaches to avoid possible conflicts. Take the extra step to send out reminders throughout the school year. Let us know asap if there is an issue via email.
   b. HOST Info:
      We are still looking for a host for Orchestra/Guitar SEC on Feb. 6, 2027. (*This is still set for Akins, however, we know that Thomas Mann has left, so we need to know if the new Orchestra director is willing to host, if not, we need a new site and host).*

      Host Meeting Date for SEC & CSRE: Wednesday, January 13, 2027 at 7pm via Zoom or Google Meet. Info and virtual invite will be sent closer to the date.

      Please remember that 25% of your Honorarium will be deducted if you are not in attendance with video on for this Host Meeting.

2. Director Contact Information for UIL Region 18 Directory. Please fill out the Google Form within the next week and forward to any Region 18 Directors not present.

3. New Director Information for Texas Music Forms Profile for Region 18. If you were in a previous Region and entered a group for UIL Marching, SEC, or CSRE, you will need a new Region 18 Director Profile to enter for UIL in Region 18.

4. UIL Region 18 Marching Procedures - updated. Please look over this Q&A with procedures.

5. UIL Region 18 CSRE Procedures - updated. Please look over this Q&A with procedures. If you are not absolutely certain on CSRE Entry Procedures, ask us as soon as possible. Read your UIL CSRE Rules concerning your discipline from the UIL Website.

6. UIL Region 18 SEC Procedures will be coming soon!

7. Entry Deadlines - you must enter for your contest or evaluation at least 37 days before the event date. This covers most, if not all, of the district check request obligations the majority of your districts impose for UIL Entry Check requests needing to be mailed or hand delivered. If your district takes longer than that to complete the process, you must enter earlier. Please be knowledgeable on this point and educate your business offices. The Late Fee Policy will be enforced for all late registrations and payments.

8. Withdrawing from a UIL Contest or Evaluation. If the group is withdrawn after the official entry date, the UIL Entry Fees are still due and non-refundable. The Region 18 Executive Committee will determine if there is to be an official UIL Reprimand using the information requested on this document.

9. Please see and use the Document Links below for your information.

State Office Notifications:

NEW!! 2026-27 C&CR Updates:
• No new rules in the C&CR
• Mariachi events have been removed from Section 1109 – Medium Ensemble – and are now all grouped with other mariachi related information on the UIL website.
• The new state jazz festival will be in pilot phase for at least the first few years, so it is not yet in the C&CR.

NEW!! State Jazz Festival:
• The inaugural UIL state jazz festival will be held on March 6, 2027 and utilize a recorded video submission process. In addition all groups selected to participate in the state festival must attend their region medium ensemble contest and receive a division 1 rating. Please see the UIL webpage dedicated to this event for more information.

Pilot Updates
• Each region will again utilize the sight-reading explanation period pilot in all three divisions in the 2026-27 school year. Pilot rules are on the state website. Based on feedback we expect the pilot to go into rule for the 2027-28 school year.

Information specific to Marching Bands/Directors - State Office Notifications

Region Marching Band Statement of Compliance - C&CR Section 1105: To be submitted to the RES when the Region Marching Band Contest entry is completed and may be submitted electronically at the discretion of the region. This form is on the state website.

Region Marching Band Contest Entry on TX Music Forms: Requires that an intent to advance be declared. Note: no band may participate in both the military and open class state contest in the same year. In addition, any band declaring military track may not participate in the area contest.

Marching Band Director Safety Training: State Law requires that every marching band director annually complete a safety training course.

> *NEW!!* This course is available through RANK ONE on the UIL Portal and includes a section on practice limitations. Note: effective August 1, 2026 the heat safety protocol is REQUIRED. Compliance with this training is not monitored by the RES or REC.

Marching Band Physical Exams are required by UIL: More information is available on the UIL state website.

Marching Band Contest Inclement Weather Plans and Date: Each Region and Area is to follow local ground rules for events held at a venue. Each Region and Area is to have an inclement weather date in the event the contest must be rescheduled. Judge arrangements for any inclement date should also be made in advance.

Every UIL contest site – marching band and athletics – is required to have a Rapid Cooling Zone onsite if the Wet Bulb Globe Thermometer reading is 82 degrees or higher. All other heat safety protocols are recommended. For more information see the Heat Plan on the UIL state website.

Wireless Frequencies at Marching Band Contests:

> *POINT OF EMPHASIS!!* The RES and the contest host should make every effort to ensure non-essential wireless frequencies in a venue are turned off and any active frequencies are communicated to the participating bands in advance of the contest. There will be no “restarts”, delays” or “do-overs” due to any issue related to electronics.
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> *POINT OF EMPHASIS!!* UIL expects that all competing bands receive information for every UIL contest indicating that wireless devices may be tested only during contest intermissions and during the 7- minute period that includes any band’s 2-minute field exit and 5-minute field entrance. This includes bands in warm-up and other areas around the stadium.

Marching Band Video Educational Use Agreement: Once annually, schools participating in UIL marching band contests wishing to make an educational use video of their performance at a UIL contest are to complete the Educational Use Agreement found on the state website. The contest host should designate an area for videographers at each contest venue. This designated area may be in the press box or any other appropriate area determined by the host.

Adjudication Rubrics: Each region is to distribute and utilize the TMAA rubrics at every region and area marching band contest and concert and sight-reading evaluation. All rubrics are to be taken from the state website to ensure the most current versions are being used. Note that the marching band rubrics are located on the back of the adjudication sheet.

- Region Marching Band
- 2A/3A Area Marching Band
- 4A/5A/6A Area Marching Band
- Concert and Sight-Reading (not for marching ;)

Area Draw for 5A and 6A Marching

Document Links:

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