

Region 8, Fall Meeting
UIL Report – Tony Clines
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1. Welcome and thank you for attending our virtual meeting this morning. I hope each of you and your families have been safe and well during this trying time and I hope that schools and your organizations will be able to have a somewhat normal fall semester. I will keep my information short in this meeting of the entire region and save specific information for your division meeting.

2. I want to strongly recommend that you all go to the state UIL website and review ALL rules and procedures that govern our UIL music events. There is SO much information there that can be of help to you as well as making sure that you are up to date on all rules and procedures. Also, the latest information regarding COVID issues will be posted there.

3. I also want to strongly recommend that you get familiar with our Region 8 webpage located at UILmusicregion8.com. It **soon** will have everything updated specific to our region: contest calendar, zone assignments, entry procedures, fee schedule, etc. Please check in there from time to time for updates that might occur during the year. There could be many changes throughout the year and I will try to keep everything updated there. Hopefully, everything will be updated within a week. One specific thing: if you ever use the Fee Tabulation Form to determine your fees for events, be sure it states that it is for 2020-2021. Fees change every year so be sure you are using the most current form.

4. We have a large inventory of trophies, plaques and medals left from last year as you can imagine. Our executive committee has asked that I not order any additional awards until I know exactly how many of each type that we need. This is to help protect our bank account which is much lower than normal due to the cancelation of so many events last spring. Therefore, I may not be able to give you all awards that you are intitled to at the conclusion of your contests. As soon as I know what we need from each event I will place an order for those items and get them to you as soon as I can.

5. If your school is interested in having Vanco/Dorian become a vendor for their district, the school needs to contact Vanco/Dorian directly.

6. UIL requires that all music scores given to judges be copyright compliant. UIL recommends that any director utilizing music form public domain and/or electronic downloads attach documentation indicating such. Photocopied scores that are Permanently out of Print must have a letter from the copyright holder giving permission to photocopy. **Permission to**

photocopy POP scores may only be given by the copyright holder, not by a vendor. This is usually the publisher.

7. New 2020-2021 PML update. 1816 new titles to the PML have been made. Over 1000 are for solo and small ensembles. 185 new choral works. 32 new orchestral works. 53 new concert band works. Solo viola and string bass each added over 100 new works. Three new wind events have been created: Mixed Clarinet Trio, Double Reed Ensembles and Trumpet Choir. New percussion events are: Drum Set Solo, Steel Band and Mixed Miscellaneous Ensembles. Class 2 and 3 small wind ensembles saw significant gains-some lists doubled. So, check out the PML for these new additions.

The only official PML is the one that is located on the UIL state webpage. Be sure to check it to make sure anything you may be using is listed there. The new additions will not ALL be completed until September 1.

You may want to drop an email to Gabe Musella at the state office to thank him for overseeing this massive project.

Finally, if you are set to host spring semester events please check with your administrations to make sure you will be allowed to host. If there is a potential problem, please let me know asap.

Band Division

Under new committees and pilots:

1. UIL is establishing a marching band rules advisory committee.
2. UIL is beginning a sight-reading explanation period pilot for all bands in regions 6, 13, 15, 25 and 26. The sight-reading pilot details can be found on the state UIL webpage.
3. UIL is beginning a pilot for a state military style marching band contest this fall. All information regarding this is posted on the state UIL webpage.
4. UIL is beginning a state instrumental chamber music contest pilot this year. All information regarding this is posted on the state UIL webpage.

I have much information regarding marching band. There are four new C&CR rules that pertain to marching band:

1. Wind instruments may be amplified only for solo and/or small ensemble features of up to the performers at one time.
2. Any 2A/3A/4A/5A or 6A varsity marching band that has followed the procedures established by the region executive committee to indicate to the region executive secretary the intent to advance to area and **that a division 1 rating at the region contest shall be certified for advancement to the area contest.**
3. The area marching band contest will be held for conferences 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A.
4. For the state marching contests in conferences A, 2A, 3A and 4A the UIL office shall assign five judges, consisting of three music judges and two visual judges. For conferences 5A and 6A the UIL office shall assign seven judges, consisting of four music judges, two visual judges and one contest/design judge.

Not new, but reminders:

1. Be sure to follow the 2020-2021 COVID-19 Mitigation Guidelines listed on the state UIL webpage.

2. Each year anyone working with marching band components must complete Safety Training. This can be accessed at the UIL state webpage.
3. The Marching Band Director Compliance Statement must be submitted to the region Executive Secretary as each year prior to marching contest. This can be sent by email or brought to the contest. It must be signed by the director of the band and the school principal.
4. Each student and parent must sign a UIL Marching Band Acknowledgement Form. This must be done only once in the student's career and these are to be kept on file at your school.
5. Marching Band Medical History Form. Each year prior to any practice or participation a UIL Medical History form signed by both the student and a parent or guardian is required. These are to be kept at school.
6. Marching Band Pre-Participation Physical Examination are to be done upon entering the first and third years of high school and upon any 7th or 8th grade student participating in marching band. For 2020-2021 only, anyone who has previously had this examination is not required to have it this year.
7. In order to video your band at UIL contest you must complete the Educational Use Agreement located on the state UIL webpage.
8. When you register your band for marching contest on texasmusicforms you will be asked to declare your intent to advance. If you are declaring to advance you then choose a track: military class or open class. If choosing military track remember that classes 1A/2A and 4A advance on even numbered years and 3A and 5A/6A advance on odd numbered years.
9. The entry fee this year will be higher than in the past in order to make sure we can cover our expenses even if a smaller number of schools participate than usual.
10. Due to us not meeting face to face, Darrell and I will do the draw for marching contest performance order after entries have been received.

You should all recall that I sent out emails asking your thoughts on whether or not your band will go to marching contest. Gerald Babbitt as well sent out a survey asking who was and who

was not planning to go to region and area contests. Based on the results of those two communications, we are recommending to our Executive Committee that we combine the 3A contest with the 4A-5A-6A contest. If all bands who anticipate competing actually do show up that would be 29 bands. Robinson High School and Killeen ISD have offered to host this contest. We are also recommending that the date of the contest be moved to Saturday, November 7 to provide more preparation time for the contest. That is the Saturday following the final regular season football game for conferences 3A and 4A thus avoiding potential playoff football game conflicts. We need for the schools' directors that are involved in this contest to vote as to which site you prefer. One vote per band.

Results of the vote: Robinson _____ Killeen _____

For our 1A-2A contest we are also recommending moving the contest from October 13 to November 7 in order to allow more preparation time for contest. La Vega High School has told us that they do not wish to host on a Saturday but Troy High School has graciously agreed to host this contest. Moving this contest to a Saturday has been requested by the three Executive Committee members who are superintendents of 2A and 3A schools. This request is based on additional issues with providing school bus transportation on school days.

As a clarification: When we vote on dates and sites for contests, we are making recommendations to the Executive Committee as to when and where we want to have these events. The Executive Committee is who actually sets the contest calendar. The dates and sites for these two contests are being presented after MUCH communication between Darrell, committee members, potential contest hosts and myself. Therefore, there will be no vote on this.

String Division

1. Solo and Ensemble has been moved to November 14 for both zones.
2. UIL is beginning a State Instrumental Chamber Music Contest Pilot for strings and/or wind ensembles. Rules and regulations are available on the state UIL webpage.

Vocal Division

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