

Dear Executive Secretaries,

Below are the UIL Marching Band Areas for the fall of 2018 and fall of 2019. 4A and down alignments are the same as the fall of 2016 and 2017. There are some updates to 5A and 6A. As is always the case two factors were used to determine the Area alignment: geography (travel) and number of schools. When possible we would like to have area contests with at least 20 bands, but that do not exceed 30 bands. As you know, keeping an area contest in the range of 20-30 bands provides a better adjudication experience, allows for a schedule that can easily fit within one contest day, allows for a Finals experience for the schools, and allows for delays due to inclement weather. Of course, the number of bands at Area is ultimately determined by the ratings at the region contest. Over the past two months we have spent many hours analyzing this data (including recent region contest ratings, schools moving to a different conference, and new schools) to develop an alignment that we hope will create Area contests of 20-30 bands, while minimizing travel for the schools.

This information will be posted live at 8:00 AM this morning at the following link: https://align.tmea.org/align_1820/

6A Schools – 9 Areas (approximate number of bands, including those that qualify but may not attend)

- A – Regions 1, 6, 7, 16, 22 (13 bands: 2 to State)
- B – Regions 5, 20, 24, 30, 31 (30 bands: 6 to State)
- C – Regions 2, 3, 4, 21, 25 (25 bands: 5 to State)
- D – Regions 8, 12, 18, 26 (30 bands: 6 to State)
- E – Regions 13, 17, 19 (21 bands: 4 to State)
- F – Regions 9, 10, 33 (24 bands: 4 to State)
- G – Regions 14, 15, 28 (22 bands: 4 to State)
- H – Regions 11, 29, 32 (22 bands: 4 to State)
- I – Regions 23, 27 (26 bands: 5 to state)

Approximately 40 Bands at the 2018 State Contest (same as 2016)

5A Schools – 9 Areas (approximate number of bands, including those that qualify but may not attend)

- A – Regions 1, 6, 7, 16, 22 (25 bands: 5 to State)
- B – Regions 2, 24, 25 (20 bands: 4 to State)
- C – Regions 3, 4, 20, 21 (25 bands: 5 to State)
- D – Regions *8-North, 12, 18, 26 (20 bands: 4 to State)
- E – Regions 13, 17, 19, 23, 27 (19 bands: 3 to State)
- F – Regions 5, 30, 31 (20 bands: 4 to State)
- G – Regions 14, 15, 28 (25 bands: 5 to State)
- H – Regions 11, 29, 32 (22 bands: 4 to State)
- I – Regions *8-South, 9, 10, 33 (21 bands: 4 to State)

Approximately 38 Bands at the 2019 State Contest (two more than 2017)

***Bryan ISD and College Station ISD 5A schools are assigned to Area I. All other 5A and 6A schools in Region 8 are assigned to Area D.**

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There are very few 6A schools west of the I-35 corridor, hence the expectation of only having 13 6A schools at the Area A contest.

The preferred date for 2018 Area is Saturday, October 27: 2A, 4A, and 6A

The preferred date for 2019 Area is Saturday, October 26: 3A and 5A (There will continue to be no 1A Area contest)

Please go ahead and start your discussions about 2018 and 2019 contest chairs and sites. And, remember that 2A is now on the same year as 4A and 6A.

FYI, the UIL website will be set-up for a few hours today to only show the athletic alignments. Therefore, the Area marching band information may not be available on the UIL website until later today.

Thank you for all you do for our schools!

Sincerely,

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