



FABENS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

FISD Summer Marching Band Protocol - Covid 19 Response

UIL schools may, but are not required to, begin Summer Marching Band Practices and Rehearsals on June 8, 2020, under the requirements described below. UIL will continue to work with state officials and monitor CDC and other federal guidance to determine any potential modifications. Schools should take their local context into account when deciding whether to offer summer practices and rehearsals on campus by monitoring the situation on the [Texas Department of State Health Services dashboard](#). Schools should follow all local and state requirements when considering Marching Band practices and rehearsals.

[COVID-19 Summer Marching Band Practices & Rehearsals - Full Printable Version](#)

FISD Band Directors will await instruction from local government and district officials before resuming any and all summer band activities. However, FISD Band directors will plan for summer rehearsals and activities in preparation for the 2020-2021 marching season with the following compliance measures recommended by the UIL.

Staff Responsibilities:

1. FISD Directors will communicate plans for Summer Band activities to the Coordinator of Fine Arts and campus administrators. In addition, directors will monitor new information on COVID 19 requirements from UIL and District officials.
2. FISD Directors will screen themselves prior to going to campus and inform their campus administrator if they have a fever or symptoms. Rehearsals will be canceled if any director is ill or does not pass the screening requirements. Students will not be allowed to practice on their own, on campus.
3. FISD Directors will maintain a record of attendance for all students at practice.
4. FISD Directors will encourage, model, and practice social distancing for students and other staff members.
5. FISD Directors will, to the extent possible, not allow students to share instruments. In a case where students must share instruments, the instrument must be thoroughly sanitized.
6. FISD Directors will monitor the entrance and exit of all students and staff and ensure compliance with the entrance and exit plans for the facility.

7. FISD Directors will monitor screening processes to ensure that all students who report to practice are healthy and symptom-free. Students who do not pre-screen prior to each rehearsal will not be allowed to participate.
8. FISD Directors will hold orientation meetings to discuss requirements and responsibilities for all stakeholders.

Student Responsibilities:

1. Students will park or be dropped off at the designated areas identified by their directors. Social distancing must be maintained at all times.
2. Students should report to practices and rehearsals in proper attire and immediately return home to change clothes or shower at the end.
3. Staff will have a dedicated entrance and exit to limit exposure for entrance into the building. Students must strictly abide by the entrance and exit protocols established by their directors.
4. If conducting a strictly outdoor rehearsal, directors will designate an outdoor meeting place. Students will NOT enter the building unless there is an indoor rehearsal for that group.
5. Students will check-in and complete the screening process each day online PRIOR to arriving on campus.
6. Students that answer “YES” to any of the symptoms/screening questions are required to stay home that day.
7. Directors will monitor the online daily check-in for any student that answers yes. Any student that shows up that has answered yes, will not be permitted to enter the campus and will be sent home. Google Forms will be utilized for daily screening.
8. No student will be permitted into the building or the rehearsal without completing the daily screening.
9. Students must remain outside the building (6ft apart - marked on the sidewalk) until their directors facilitate the entering and exiting of the building.
10. Students must maintain social distancing of 6ft at all times and masks must remain on when not actively practicing.
 - a. Social distancing will increase to 10ft during active rehearsals.
11. Students MUST be dismissed one at a time as parents arrive to pick up students or dismissed for those that walk or drive.
12. Students MUST immediately leave campus once they are dismissed.
13. NO HANGING OUT!
14. Under NO circumstance are parents/siblings allowed to stay on campus during the rehearsal period (Outdoor or Indoor).
 - a. Parents MUST stay in their car during drop off/pick up
 - b. No siblings are allowed in rehearsals.
15. All students shall sanitize their hands prior to entering and immediately upon exiting the building.

Lockers and Restrooms:

1. If student lockers are used, they will be sanitized after every rehearsal and monitored when students are storing instruments.
2. Students are required to wash hands; utilize the “one in one out” model; sanitize hands after exiting; trash cans will be placed near doors to encourage student-athletes to open the door with the paper towel used to dry hands

Disinfection and Sanitation:

1. Facilities Cleaning – all facilities will be disinfected and sanitized per industry guidelines, before, during, and after rehearsals. Emphasis will be given to ensuring disinfecting high touch surfaces and surfaces that are used by multiple student-athletes, disinfecting between users.
2. Enhanced Cleaning – specific facilities in which an individual with a confirmed COVID-19 positive has been identified will undergo enhanced disinfection per CDC and industry guidelines.
3. Disinfect all door handles, music stands, any equipment used in between each group or sectional.
4. Any equipment must be thoroughly disinfected before and after each use. If a student uses a piece of equipment, that equipment must be thoroughly disinfected before another student uses it.
5. Indoor rehearsal spaces must be mopped at the conclusion of each day.

Positive Case Mitigation:

Rehearsal attendance shall be taken and students MUST rehearse in Cohorts without deviation throughout the summer period.

1. Any staff member or student who experiences any of the symptoms of COVID should self-isolate until the below conditions have been met.
2. In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may visit when all three of the following criteria are met: at least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or
3. In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
4. If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional’s note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.

5. Any student or staff member living with someone who experiences any of the symptoms of COVID, whether they have a positive COVID test or not, should self-isolate for two weeks. If they do not experience any COVID symptoms during that period, they can return to summer workouts. If they experience symptoms, they must self-isolate until the conditions outlined above have been met.

Any student who appears to have symptoms or who becomes sick during the day will be immediately separated from other students /staff and will be instructed to return home. They must immediately follow the above quarantine protocol prior to their return. A symptomatic student will be managed as a presumptive COVID-19 positive and all precautions will remain in place until testing confirmation is received.

FHS Band Program Activity and Building Logistics:

Dates for Summer Activities:

- July 13 Virtual Parent/Student Summer Band Orientation Online
- July 20-23 Freshmen Only
- July 27-30 Full Camp

FHS Band Room 25% Capacity: (Building Capacity 100) 25% = 25

Fine Arts Facility Entrance and Exit Plan: Students will enter through the outside field gates and then through the field double doors. Students will exit towards the through the color guard mirror room at the front of the building.

The following are the bulleted recommendations from UIL Music that schools have worked together on how to best address each item.

Requirements for All Practices & Rehearsals:

Consider having an individual wholly or partially dedicated to ensuring health protocols are being successfully implemented and followed. Schools must follow all requirements of state and local authorities in addition to the requirements below:

- Attendance at practices and rehearsals must be optional for students and in compliance with the rules for Summer Marching Band Practices and Rehearsals. In addition to on-campus options, schools should consider providing students guidance for practicing at home or remotely away from school. This can include virtual practices, emailed or otherwise electronically delivered practice-instructions, or any delivery model approved by the local school district.

- Attendance records shall be kept, however, students shall not be required or allowed to make up missed days or practices.
 - FISD Directors will take attendance on excel spreadsheet or google sheet and will be monitored daily.
- Students should report to practices and rehearsals in proper attire and immediately return home to change clothes or shower at the end of the session.
- During practices and rehearsals, staff must ensure appropriate social distancing, hygiene, and safety measures are implemented.
 - Maintaining 6ft distance, 10ft while performing. NO PHYSICAL CONTACT
- Schools must have hand sanitizer or hand-washing stations readily available in the practice and rehearsal area. Students and staff should be encouraged to use it frequently.
 - We are requesting 2-4 hand sanitizing stations
- All surfaces in practice and rehearsal areas must be thoroughly disinfected throughout and at the end of each day.
 - Most practices will be outdoors, any shared equipment (e.g. stands, percussion equipment) will be disinfected
- No clothing or towels may be laundered on-site or shared during practices and rehearsals.
- There can be no shared water or food.
 - FHS students must have their own water, sunscreen, caps, etc.
- Before the start of summer practices and rehearsals, and at the start of every week of summer practices and rehearsals, schools should consider pre-screening all students for COVID symptoms that they or others living in their house may experience. This can be completed by phone prior to the first day of practices or rehearsals, in person, or in writing. Students and staff must self-screen every day for COVID-19 symptoms for themselves and their family members. Schools should consider taking the temperature of each student each day at the start of the session, if possible.
 - FISD Directors will create a google form checklist of questions to pre-screen student participants.
- Schools should plan for entry and exit procedures that reduce the number of students and parents congregating outside and/or mixing around the practice areas and parking areas. Consider staggering start and end times, assigning students to entries and exits to ensure even distribution of students entering/exiting at each entry point, providing guidance to students to enter one at a time and wait six feet apart outside the entrance.
 - FISD Directors will Tape or mark with chalk the concrete and spray color on the grass to separate students every 6 ft.-10 ft.
- If the school is planning to offer transportation for summer activities, schools should follow all TEA guidance and local guidance related to such transportation.
- Students and staff must maintain at least six feet of distance from all sides when not actively practicing or rehearsing. When actively practicing and rehearsing, students and

staff must maintain at least ten feet of distance from all sides. Schools should consider requiring students who are not actively practicing to wear cloth face masks.

- FISD Directors will tape off or mark with chalk areas for student participation that will separate students to 10 ft apart.
- Indoor practices and rehearsals can be conducted up to a maximum of 25% capacity.
 - **25% Capacity:** (Fine Arts Building Capacity 100) $25\% = 25$
- Schools should limit the total number of participants based on available space to allow for the appropriate distancing between students and staff.
- Any equipment must be thoroughly disinfected before and after each use. If a student uses a piece of equipment, that equipment must be thoroughly disinfected before another student uses it. Schools should limit the use of equipment to further reduce the risk of spreading the virus.
 - FISD Directors will train students on how to properly clean and disinfect instruments. However, in cases where students must share instruments, Directors will take on the responsibility to clean and disinfect these instruments after every rehearsal they are utilized.
- Schools should consider having students remain with a single group or cohort to minimize the number of students and staff that must isolate if a case is confirmed. See Positive Cases and Staff or Students Showing COVID Symptoms at the bottom of this document.
 - The maximum size of working groups/cohorts will be 15 students or less.

Marching Band Activities Conducted Outdoors:

The FISD Visual and Performing Arts program is encouraged to prioritize the utilization of outdoor facilities. Students will not be granted access to any building if an outdoor practice is scheduled unless they are scheduled for an indoor rehearsal as well.

Risk Mitigation

- Students and staff must maintain at least six feet of distance from all sides when not actively practicing or rehearsing. When actively practicing and rehearsing, students and staff must maintain at least ten feet of distance from all sides when possible.
- FISD Directors will tape off areas for student participation that will separate students to 10 ft apart. Directors will monitor social distancing between activities and when students are not practicing.
- Schools should limit the total number of participants based on available space to allow for the appropriate distancing between students and staff.
- Students may be placed in working groups no larger than 15 total students. Each working group should maintain an appropriate distance from other working groups.
- Any equipment, such as keyboard instruments, should be regularly disinfected during practice sessions. This equipment should not be shared between groups. After a group

has used such equipment, that equipment must be thoroughly disinfected before being used by a different group.

- All percussion instruments, larger instruments such as tubas and other brass, electronics, microphones, etc.

Marching Band Activities Conducted Indoors:

Risk Mitigation

- Students and staff must maintain at least six feet of distance from all sides when not actively practicing or rehearsing. When actively practicing or rehearsing, students and staff must maintain at least ten feet of distance from all sides when possible.
 - See distancing protocols for taping of areas for rehearsal.
- Indoor practices and rehearsals can be conducted up to a maximum of 25% capacity. (BUILDING CAPACITY)
 - See capacity plans by campus.
- Schools should limit the total number of participants based on available space to allow for the appropriate distancing between students and staff.
 - See capacity plans by campus.
- Students may be placed in working groups no larger than 10 total students. Each working group should maintain an appropriate distance from other working groups.
 - See capacity plans by campus.
- Any equipment, such as keyboard instruments, should be regularly disinfected during practice sessions. This equipment should not be shared between groups. After a group has used such equipment, that equipment must be thoroughly disinfected before being used by a different group.
 - See above for instrument sanitation and disinfection.