

Vista Ridge High School Band Program

-----200 S. Vista Ridge Blvd.-----Cedar Park, TX 78613-----

July 13, 2009

Dear Ranger Band Parents,

This letter is being sent to address the attached sheet regarding the University Interscholastic League (UIL) 8-hour Acknowledgement form. UIL has asked all High School Band Directors to inform parents about the “8-hour marching band rule” and to be in compliance with the attached sheet. UIL has mandated that parents read, sign, and return the acknowledgement form.

Please be aware that once school starts, in order for YOUR student to participate in Marching Band at VRHS, the acknowledgement form **MUST** be signed and returned to the band office. **Please turn this form in during Band Registration Nighth, at the appropriate registration table.**

You may notice that the VRHS Band has 7 – 7.5 hours per week of actual marching band rehearsal once school starts. We have intentionally left the remaining time (½ hr – 1 hr) unscheduled and it will usually go unused. However, we reserve this time to be used at our discretion when needed, still in compliance with the UIL 8-hour rule. This rule does not apply to summer marching band, sectionals, class, music preparation, games or other performances. Additional time is allotted for days of performances (games, contests, performances) without counting against the 8-hour rule. The 8-hour rule takes effect beginning on the last Monday of August.

We hope that UIL has adequately addressed your questions and concerns regarding the 8-hour practice rule for marching band. We invite you to check out the UIL website at: www.uil.utexas.edu where you can find FAQ's or you can direct your questions to the UIL office at: 512-471-5883 (Richard Floyd) or e-mail at uilmusic@uts.cc.utexas.edu.

Thank you for supporting the Vista Ridge High School Band.

Sincerely,

VRHS Band Staff

P. S. Please read, sign and return the attached UIL Marching Band Acknowledgement form to the appropriate station, during registration.

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**PARENT/STUDENT UIL MARCHING BAND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

No student may be required to attend practice for marching band for more than eight hours of rehearsal outside the academic school day per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This provision applies to students in all components of the marching band.

On performance days (football games, competitions and other public performances) bands may hold up to one additional hour of warm-up and practice beyond the scheduled warm-up time at the performance site. Multiple performances on the same day do not allow for additional practice and/or warm-up time.

Examples Of Activities Subject To The UIL Marching Band Eight Hour Rule.

- Marching Band Rehearsal (Both Full Band And Components)
- Any Marching Band Group Instructional Activity
- Breaks
- Announcements
- Debriefing And Viewing Marching Band Videos
- Playing Off Marching Band Music
- Marching Band Sectionals (Both Director And Student Led)
- Clinics For The Marching Band Or Any Of Its Components

The Following Activities Are Not Included In The Eight Hour Time Allotment:

- Travel Time To And From Rehearsals And/Or Performances
- Rehearsal Set-Up Time
- Pep Rallies, Parades And Other Public Performances
- Instruction And Practice For Music Activities Other Than Marching Band And Its Components

NOTE: An extensive Q&A for the Eight Hour Rule for Marching Band can be found on the Music Page of the UIL Web Site at: www.uil.utexas.edu

“We have read and understand the Eight-Hour Rule for Marching Band as stated above and agree to abide by these regulations.”

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

This form is to be kept on file by the local school district.