

# Utah Music Educators Association

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## UMEA Eligibility Requirements for Marching Band Participation

Name of School/Band \_\_\_\_\_ Classification \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted to UMEA \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marching Band Events \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION** in a Marching Band Competition, the principal & music director(s) shall review the eligibility requirements listed below. The form requires a signature from the principal(s) and music director(s) of all participating students after eligibility has been verified. Submit the completed form to the UMEA office prior to participation in a Marching Band competition, **BUT NO LATER THAN SEPT. 1.**

### 1. Schools shall adhere to UMEA Marching Band Guidelines

A. Music Directors shall adhere to UMEA Marching Band guidelines outlined in the UMEA Marching Band Policies, available at [www.umea.us](http://www.umea.us) under the Marching Band tab.

B. Entry forms for all UMEA sanctioned Marching Band events should be filled out online, or sent via mail to the UMEA Marching Band Committee Chair, Brek Mangelson, c/o Westlake High School, 99 N. 200 W., Saratoga Springs, UT 84045, and must be postmarked by Sept. 1

C. All payments for all UMEA sanctioned Marching Band events should be paid online at [umea.us](http://umea.us), or a check mailed to the UMEA Treasurer, John Miller at 140 N. 800 E. American Fork, UT 84003. Make checks payable to "UMEA." Checks mailed also must be postmarked by Sept. 1

D. Bands must make their final classification decision by Sept. 1. Classifications are as based on total band size. This number includes, all performers on the field- winds, battery, front-ensemble members, guard, prop movers, and drum majors. If a band's size has changed since sending in their initial registration form, a new updated form must be completed and sent postmarked by Sept. 1.

Classifications:

1A – 45 or under

2A – 46-63

3A – 64-89

4A – 90-126

5A – 127 and up

### 2. Schools shall verify eligibility prior to participation.

A. If it is available, students may only participate in the marching band offered at their home school.

B. All students must be in grades 9-12 at their home school.

C. If a band program exists at the student's home school, they must be enrolled and in good standing in that program.

D. Students that attend an alternative high school (i.e. charter school or online school) may participate in the marching band program at the school whose boundaries their home is in.

E. If marching band is NOT offered at the student's home school, they may participate in the marching band at the school (preferably within the same school district) closest in proximity to their home school. In the event that two schools are in similar proximity, the band director and principal at the home school will determine which school the student(s) will participate with.

F. The marching band director must complete this eligibility release form for all students participating from other schools. The deadline for completing this form is Sept. 1. Copies of the form will stay on file at both schools for the duration of the marching band season.

**The intent of this exception to eligibility is to provide students an opportunity to participate in marching band where none exists at their home school. This should not be viewed as an effort to discourage new marching bands from forming or an effort to eliminate or combine existing programs.**

**3. Students participating from other home schools:** list names, home school, grade in school and obtain appropriate signatures giving permission for students to participate.

<b>School Name</b>	
<b>Student Name &amp; Grade</b>	<b>Student Name &amp; Grade</b>
<b>Principal Signature</b>	<b>Band Director Signature</b>

<b>School Name</b>	
<b>Student Name &amp; Grade</b>	<b>Student Name &amp; Grade</b>
<b>Principal Signature</b>	<b>Band Director Signature</b>

*We hereby attest that the eligibility of the students have been verified and the above students are approved to participate with said marching band according to the eligibility requirements outlined in this document and the UMEA marching band policy handbook.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marching Band Director Signature

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Marching Band Principal Signature

Email the completed form to the UMEA Marching Band Chair, Brek Mangelson- [bmangelson@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:bmangelson@alpinedistrict.org)