Hey Parents!

I want to explain the UIL process for those of you that are new to this band thing. UIL is a little different than the competitions we have been attending so far. There are three steps in the UIL Marching Band Contests.

* Region Marching Contest – Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Burger Stadium, 5:15 pm performance
	+ We are in UIL Region 18.
	+ This is not a prelims/finals format like most of the contests we attend. This is like the concert and sightreading contest where judges give each band a score. The bands are not competing with each other.
	+ Every 6A band that makes a first division (one) at the Region Marching Contest qualifies to attend the Area Marching Contest.
	+ If the judges give us a first division, we will attend the Area Marching Contest at Kelly Reeves Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 21.
* Area Marching Contest – Saturday, Oct. 21, at Kelly Reeves Stadium
	+ We are in UIL Area D.
	+ This competition is a prelims/finals format.
	+ At the end of finals, the state qualifying bands will be announced.
	+ For every 5 bands that qualify for area (bands that made a first division at region), the area will be able to send 1 band to the state marching band contest. Last year, Area D was able to send 5 bands to state so the top five bands in finals qualified to attend the State Marching Band Contest.
* State Marching Band Contest – Monday, Oct. 30 (prelims) and Oct. 31 (finals), at the Alamodome
	+ The State Marching Band Contest is a prelims/finals format. Prelims is scheduled for Oct. 30 and finals is Oct. 31.
	+ The State Marching Band Contest historically alternated years for 5A and 6A. The State Marching Band Contest is now every year for all classifications.
	+ For us, we need to get a first division at region on Oct. 17. We then need to place high enough at the area contest on Oct. 21 to move on to state.

Go Tiger Band!

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