

Dear Directors,

The points below are to clarify several things from yesterday's MHSAA decision.

- Per the submitted recommendation of the Mississippi Band Directors Association the MHSAA State Marching Evaluation and MHSAA State Marching Championships are cancelled for the Fall of 2020.
- Band Travel to away football games is left to a local school district decision with input from the hosting school.
- Summer rehearsals and band camps are allowed as they always have been with local school district approval.
- All guidance for band rehearsals is recommended to be taken from the current NFHS documentation. This includes the following documents:
  - Fall 2020 Guidance for Music Education: <https://www.nfhs.org/articles/fall-2020-guidance-for-music-education/>
  - Guidance for a Return to High School Marching Band: <https://www.nfhs.org/articles/nfhs-releases-guidelines-for-return-to-high-school-marching-band-activities/>
  - COVID-19 Aerosol Study (ONGOING): <https://www.nfhs.org/articles/unprecedented-international-coalition-led-by-performing-arts-organizations-to-commission-covid-19-study/>
  - NFHS and Varsity Performing Arts to offer FREE Marching Band Show Program: <https://www.nfhs.org/articles/nfhs-helps-launch-together-as-one-a-free-marching-band-field-show-package-for-high-school-performing-arts-programs/>
- If you have any questions, please call or email one of us. As we all tell our kids, posting our dirty laundry on social media does not help any of us.

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