

WHAT'S THE RULE?
PART 2:
DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
AND MEET HOSTING

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DISTRICT ALIGNMENTS

- UIL assigns HIGH SCHOOLS to conferences and districts
- Reclassification and Realignment every two years
 - New alignment takes effect for 2016-2017
 - The current structure includes six conferences: 1A-6A
- Elementary, middle and junior high schools are NOT assigned to conferences and districts by the state office
- High school Academics now has its own alignment, independent of spring Athletic activities
 - You MAY follow the high school Academics alignment in forming your district but are not required to do so

COMMON ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES

- For school districts with 1A, 2A or 3A high schools, most follow the high school alignment
 - Typically have one or two elementary campuses in the school district
- For multi-campus school districts, common practice is to organize one or more UIL districts within the ISD.

ORGANIZING YOUR DISTRICT

- Advance planning is key
- Schedule your planning meeting early, and make sure every school is represented
- UIL coordinators should be part of the planning process
- Be sure to answer the big questions while everyone is together
- Take minutes and distribute after the meeting
- Don't forget about ordering contest materials!

DISTRICT SCHEDULING

- Minimize loss of school time
- UIL rules allow the use of one school day or two half days for the district meet
- If you are hosting and plan to use a school day with dismissal, apply for a waiver through TEA

DISTRICT PLANNING AGENDA

- What date(s) and who will host
- Which events to offer
- How to structure divisions
 - combined according to UIL divisions, or separate by grade level?
- How many events a contestant may enter
 - UIL rules do not address this, except for speech contests, where the maximum is always two

DISTRICT PLANNING AGENDA

- Team competition
- Entry procedures
- How to handle late entries and substitutions
 - Be sure to decide this at the planning meeting!
- Types of awards, and how many places to recognize
- Overall championship

MUSIC MEMORY PILOT

- Music Memory Pilot
 - Began last year, will continue for 2016-2017
 - Music Memory officially includes grades 3-6, pilot program expands to 2nd grade, 7th and 8th grades
 - All districts can choose to participate – decide at your planning meeting
 - Different test formats for younger and older grades

MUSIC MEMORY PILOT



Music Memory 2016-2017 OFFICIAL LIST

Highlighted selections will make up the list for Grade 2 (pilot)

	Composer	Major Work	Selection	Notes
1	Bach	Orchestral Suite No. 2	Badinerie	
2	Bartók	Hungarian Sketches	Bear Dance	<i>Orchestral version</i>
3	Beethoven	Piano Sonata No. 8, "Pathétique"	Movement 3	
4	Brahms		Waltz in A-Flat Major	
5	Clarke		The Prince of Denmark's March	
6	Delibes	Lakmé	Flower Duet	
7	des Prez		El Grillo	
8	Ginastera	Estancia Suite	Malambo	
9	Haydn	Symphony No. 94, "Surprise"	Movement 2	
10	Mozart	Così fan tutte	Overture	
11	Puccini	La Bohème	Aranci, datteri	
12	Reed	Armenian Dances (Part 1)	Gna, Gna (Go, Go)	
13	J. Strauss, Sr.		Radetzky March	
14	Tchaikovsky	Sleeping Beauty	Waltz	
15	Walton	Belshazzar's Feast	Thus in Babylon	
16	Williams	Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope	Cantina Band	

ADDITIONAL SELECTIONS FOR GRADES 7-8 (PILOT; DISTRICTS MAY ALSO INCLUDE GRADE 6 IN THIS CATEGORY)

17	Gershwin		Rhapsody in Blue	
18	Mussorgsky		Night on Bald Mountain	
19	Schubert		Der Erlkönig	
20	Sibelius		Finlandia, Op. 26	

A DISTRICT DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO:

- Change the number of allowed entries per division per school
- Allow alternates to compete
 - Can they take the test?
- Change the format of any contest
 - e.g. increase time limits, decide not to count off for spelling, etc.
 - Exception: the specific rule that allows districts to change the time limit for Ready Writing

A DISTRICT DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO:

- Omit Part B of the Art contest
- Use a “festival” format
- Contestants **MUST** be ranked and places awarded.
This includes OAP.
- Return materials prior to officially prescribed dates

JUDGING AND GRADING PROCEDURES

- Make sure that judges are trained in the event they are judging
 - Conduct a judge training session for speaking event judges on contest day
- Graders, including coaches who grade, should discuss grading procedures BEFORE grading begins
 - In Music Memory, use the Grading Guidelines provided on the back of each answer key
- Consistency is critical!

VERIFICATION PERIODS

- All objectively scored tests **MUST** have verification periods
 - Include verification in your meet schedule
 - Schools that do not attend verification forfeit the ability to challenge contest results
- Speech events must have ballot verification when judge panels are used
- Writing events have an optional viewing period

SPEAKING EVENTS

- Sectioning
 - Required if you have more than 8 contestants in a division
- Panel judging
- Tabulation
 - Download TalkTab from the UIL website
- Ballot verification
- Refer to the A+ Handbook for detailed information on sectioning and tabulating speaking events

ONE-ACT PLAY RULES

- No online enrollment or title submission
- Director does NOT have to be a full-time employee
- Your play MUST be approved
- You MUST use an approved judge for your district contest
- Plays MUST be ranked

DISTRICT CONTEST MATERIALS

- Don't forget to order your contest materials!
- **For a district meet order district materials, not invitational**
- UIL provides district meet contest materials at no charge
 - Printed packets or on CD
 - Late orders will receive a CD
- Does include Music Memory contest CDs
- Does NOT include prints for the Art contest

DISTRICT CONTEST MATERIALS

- Complete the online District Meet Information and Materials Order Form before the deadline (Sept. 25 for fall/winter meets, Nov. 15 for spring meets)
 - Enter estimated numbers of contestants - this determines how many packets you will receive
 - It is not necessary to have a separate packet for each grade level
- Fall/winter district meets begin December 1
- Shipping for early December meets is a challenge
 - Be sure to include accurate Thanksgiving break dates on your district meet form

QUESTIONS

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