

Constitution and Contest Rules TEA-UIL Side by Side Manual

High School Eligibility Rules and Extracurricular Activity Regulations



University Interscholastic League



Agenda

- **UIL Eligibility Rules**
- **Academic Requirements (No Pass No Play)**
- **Limits on Practice and Performance**
- **Extracurricular Absences**
- **Non UIL Activities**

UIL Varsity Eligibility

- **Is not a high school graduate**
- **Is a full-time student**
- **Regular attendance / 6th class day/ 15 day rule**
- **Meets credit requirements (No Pass No Play)**
- **Four year rule**
- **Was not recruited**
- **Requirements of the specific area (Academics)**
 - **Not changed schools for the purpose of participating in UIL academic contest**

Full Time Student

- **Enrolled in participant high school**
- **Required courses by SBOE – 4 hours per day**
 - **Block schedules: average per day**
 - **Concurrent or dual credit courses**
 - **Homebound students**
 - **Correspondence or online courses do not count**



Four Year Rule

- **A student may participate in League contests during a program of high school courses over a period of four consecutive calendar years after the student first enrolls in the ninth grade.**
- **Students who never entered the ninth grade but were placed into the tenth grade have three consecutive years from their first entry into tenth grade to complete their high school eligibility.**



Awards Rule

- **A participant school or member school district may give an award not to exceed \$70 in value to a student during that student's high school enrollment at the same school for participation in UIL interschool competition(s) listed in Section 380.**
- **Each year a participant school or member school district may give one additional award per student per interschool activity listed in Section 380, not to exceed \$10 each. Schools are allowed to give the same student both the major and minor awards for the same activity during the same school year.**

I.R.A.C.

Issue – identify the problem you are having

Rule – determine which rule(s) applies to your
problem

Could be policy, regulation, handbook, etc.

Analysis – apply the rule(s) to your current set of
facts

Conclusion – determine the results

I.R.A.C

- Issue: Math Writing Whiz, a new Sophomore student, moves into your school on March 2 when her dad got a new job as the new city manager. UIL District is March 25, with spring break March 12-17. Can M.W.W. participate in Mathematics, Headline Writing, and Computer Science?
- Rule: _____
- Analysis: _____
- Conclusion: _____

No Pass No Play

Eligibility for 1st Six weeks

- **Grades nine and below**
 - **Promoted from the previous grade**
- **Beginning second year of high school**
 - **Must have earned five credits towards state graduation requirements.**
- **Beginning third year of high school**
 - **Must have earned a total of ten graduation credits or a total of five graduation credits during the 12 months preceding the first day of the current school year.**



No Pass No Play

1st Six weeks Cont.

- **Beginning fourth year of high school**
 - **Must have earned a total of 15 Graduation credits or a total of five graduation credits during the 12 months preceding the first day of the current school year.**

Students who do not meet the above requirements are academically ineligible for participation the first six weeks of the school year. Grades are checked at the end of the first six weeks and if the students are passing all classes, they could regain academic eligibility after the seven calendar day grace period.



No Pass No Play

- **Grade check at the end of the first six weeks of the school year.**
- **From that point, at all major grading periods.**
- **All activity coaches and directors are responsible for obtaining official grade reports from the individual the principal designates as the keeper of official grades before the student represents the school.**
- **This provision applies to all grading periods. It also applies to all three school week evaluation periods for ineligible students.**



No Pass No Play

Eligibility after 1st Six Weeks

A student who receives, at the end of any grading period (after the first six weeks of the school year), a grade below 70 in any academic class (other than an identified advanced class) or a student with disabilities who fails to meet the standards in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) may not participate in extracurricular activities for at least three school weeks.



No Pass No Play

Incompletes

A student with an “Incomplete” grade is ineligible at the end of the seven day grace period unless the “Incomplete” was replaced with a passing grade prior to the end of the seven day grace period. Students with an “Incomplete” grade either within or beyond the end of the seven day grace period may regain eligibility if the work is made up in accordance with district policy in regard to time allowed for make-up work and the conditions under which make-up work are allowed.

Extra credit work or work (including re-test) turned in after the grading period or evaluation has ended may not be considered when determining a student's eligibility for extracurricular activities



No Pass No Play

Grade Changes

- **An examination of course grade issued by a classroom teacher is final and may not be changed unless the grade is arbitrary, erroneous, or not consistent with school district grading policy, as determined by the board of trustees. The board's decision may not be appealed.**
- **According to Section 21 (e), the superintendent of a member school district shall provide the district executive committee with full disclosure when a student's grade, given by a teacher, is modified by an administrator in such a manner that affects UIL eligibility.**



No Pass No Play

DID YOU KNOW?

- There is ALWAYS a seven calendar grace period in effect anytime a student loses or regains eligibility.
- Students who drop a course with a failing grade (after the 4th week of the class) will become academically ineligible at the end of that grading period.
- Academically ineligible students are allowed to practice in all extracurricular activities.
- Elementary and Junior High Students are subject to No Pass No Play.
- Students must be passing ALL courses to regain academic eligibility.
- All Students are academically eligible during a school holiday consisting of at least seven consecutive calendar days.



Limits on Practice and Performance

School Week Limitation

- **For any given extracurricular activity, a student may not participate in more than one activity per school week, excluding holidays.**
- **A student may also participate in a tournament or post district contest, as well as a contest postponed by weather or public disaster that may determine advancement to a post-district level of competition.**
- **Eight Hour Rule**
- **State law limits schools to no more than eight hours of practice outside of the school day during the school week, per activity. School week is defined as Monday (12:01 AM) to the end of school on the last instructional day of the week (usually Friday).**

Limits on Practice and Performance

Activity Periods

- **A school district must limit a student to one period of practice during the regularly scheduled school day for extracurricular activities, such as athletics, or drill team, or cheerleading.**
- **The limit of one period per school day for practice in an extracurricular activity does not prohibit a student from enrolling in any state-approved class. A student who is enrolled in a state-approved class that includes essential knowledge and skills that relate to the preparation for an extracurricular activity may practice that extracurricular activity no more than one period during the school day.**



Limits and Practice and Performance

Example

- **The rule does not prohibit a student from enrolling in any number of state-approved classes, such as Stage Band and Instrumental Ensembles or Theatre Arts and Theatre Production, during the same school day so long as the extracurricular activity associated with the state approved class is not practiced more than one period of the day.**
- **The rule does not restrict a student from being enrolled in athletics or drill team or cheerleading and a state-approved course which may be associated with an extracurricular activity (e.g., cheerleading OR athletics and Stage Band) during the same day.**



Limits on Practice and Performance

Sunday Prohibition

- **UIL rules allow no more than two (2) academic and/or fine arts competition (including marching contests) on Sunday.**
- **Academic and fine arts activities may schedule practice sessions on Sunday provided such sessions receive advance approval from the superintendent or his/her designee.**
- **A League participant school shall not conduct any athletic competition, practice, or teach any plays, formations, or skills on Sunday.**



Extracurricular Absences

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Education Code, §33.0811, the number of times that a school district may allow a student to miss a class for extracurricular participation during a school year shall be determined by the school district board of trustees.

Each school district must maintain an accurate record of extracurricular absences for each student in the school district each year.



Non UIL Activities

- **Non UIL activities do not come under UIL rules, but regulations regarding no pass no play**
 - **8 hour practice limitation, activity periods, one contest during the school week, and extracurricular absences are applicable.**

Examples of Non UIL activities include Cheerleading, Drill Team, Musical, FFA, DECA, Academic Decathlon, FBLA etc.

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