

GRAYSON COLLEGE



2025 REGION II-2A ACADEMIC HANDBOOK



Grayson College

Grayson College is in the heart of Grayson County and provides a vital link for higher education. GC's central location makes it easy for high school graduates to obtain an affordable education right here at home, or for adults to begin or continue a college-bound track and/or meet professional licensing requirements. The College also provides a variety of cultural and recreational opportunities for its students and the community.

The Main Campus and West Extension are located midway between Sherman and Denison on Highway 691, and the South Campus is located in Van Alstyne. **(Note: All UIL Regional events will take place on the Main Campus in Denison, 6101 Grayson Drive, Denison, TX 75020.)** The comprehensive college offers a multitude of academic and technical programs to approximately 5,000 students annually. Grayson's reputation is highly respected by surrounding universities and industries as an excellent source of quality graduates who bring specialized, skilled and much-needed talents to the workplace.



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Academic Entries

(Should be certified through the UIL online system)

FEES

In order to expedite the payment process for the Region II-2A Academic Meet, the Regional Director has authorized the following flat rate fee schedule:

Academic Entry Fee per Academic District (NOT ISD) \$3500.00 due 03/25/2025
OAP Entry Fee (per school) \$1200.00 due 04/23/2025

Payment Requirements

- Collection and submission of fees is the responsibility of the Region II-2A District Spring Meet Chair(s) for each district represented.
- Payments are due by March 25, 2025.
- Remit payment and District Payment Form (page 13 of this handbook) to:

Grayson College
Attn: Cristian Chavez
6101 Grayson Drive
Denison, TX 75020

A list of absent contestants will be reported to the state UIL Office from each academic event. **It is extremely important that you notify the regional director in advance if a contestant will be unable to attend the regional competition.** All Academic questions should be directed to Ilene Walton.

Contact Information

Ilene Walton, UIL Regional Site Director
(903) 415-2646
waltoni@grayson.edu



General Information

Pickup Station – Judges and contest directors will sign in and pick up contest materials on the 2nd floor of the Life Center outside Headquarters/Tab Room.

Academic UIL Headquarters/Tab Room – Located in the Grayson College Life Center, 2nd floor in the Activities Conference Room. NO VISITORS IN TAB ROOM.

Holding Area – Between events students are welcome to relax in the Life Center on the 2nd floor or downstairs in the community room across from the cafeteria. Students seeking a quieter place to study or prep for contest(s) are welcome to utilize the Library next to the Life Center.

Lunch – The GC Cafeteria will offer lunches (buffet, salad and deli bar that includes soup or salad, dessert or fruit and a drink) under \$10 per person. See page 8 of this handbook for a list of additional food options in our area.

Hospitality Room – A hospitality room will be in the Viking Room, which is on the 2nd floor of the Life Center, across from the Headquarters Room. The hospitality room is for coaches, judges, and contest workers only.

Parking – School buses should park in the remote lots located on the east side of the campus. (P8) Please see the campus map for details.

<https://maps.grayson.edu/?id=1913#!m/551742?s/>

Participant Requirements:

- Designated administrators or qualified representative(s) of each school are responsible for knowing the dates for the meet and the scheduled time for each contest or event. Events will start exactly at posted time. Roll call will be taken for each contest or event. Participants will **NOT** be allowed to enter the contest after the contest has begun.
- Each school must follow the **Academic Contest Ethics Code** as outlined in this handbook and the **Constitution and Contest Rules of the University Interscholastic League**, which encourages all participants to compete in all contests in the spirit of fairness, good sportsmanship, and high ethics.
- Participants should accept the decision of the officials or judges, treat the officials with respect, treat their opponents as guests and should put sportsmanship above victory. Violation of the code may result in probation, disqualification or suspension of participants and/or schools.
- Writing Events: Participants are responsible for bringing their own computer equipment.



Awards Information

Contest Results and Medals:

The results of the academic contests will be posted just outside the UIL Headquarters in the Life Center, on the 2nd floor, as well as virtually via a link on the Grayson homepage.

Participants, coaches, and other school officials are urged to attend all verification periods. After the final results are posted, the participant or a school representative may pick up the awards outside the Headquarters Room, located in the Life Center. Please ask judges to remain in the room during verification periods. Verifications will take place in the Veteran's Hub (2nd floor of Life Center) immediately following grading.

All individual winner medals will be awarded following EACH event at the UIL Headquarters in the Life Center once the scores have been verified and declared official. If medals are not picked up at the award presentation, please wait until the end of the day for all remaining pickups. All remaining materials will be filed by district. The regional meet director is not responsible for contacting participants who fail to pick up their medals/awards/contest documents. If you would like your contest materials to be mailed to you, please bring self-addressed envelopes/boxes with prepaid postage. All contest documents may be picked up at the end of the meet on Saturday. If an ISD has completed all contests and is leaving before the end of the day Saturday, they may collect all documents before they leave.

UIL State Meet Information

Information regarding this year's UIL Academic State Meet is posted on the UIL website, <https://www.uiltexas.org/academics/state>. Information packets will not be mailed to schools or handed out during the regional meet verification meetings or awards ceremonies.

Note: Each contest package does include information cards for each student winner. Coaches and participants must go to the UIL website for tentative schedules, a University of Texas campus map and parking information.



ACADEMIC CONTEST ETHICS CODE
(Section 901 (a) of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules*)

The Academic Contest ethics code shall carry the force of rule. Member school districts, member schools and/or covered school district personnel who violate any of the provisions of this code shall be subject to penalty.

- (1) Participate in contests in the spirit of fairness and sportsmanship, observing all rules – both in letter and in spirit.
- (2) Sponsor and advise individuals and teams without resorting to unethical tactics, trickery that attempts to skirt the rules, or any other unfair tactic that detracts from sound educational principles.
- (3) Accept decisions of officials and judges without protest and extend protection and courtesy to officials.
- (4) Regard opponents as guests or hosts while placing personal and/or team integrity above victory at any cost. Maintain grace and poise in victory or defeat. Conduct that berates, intimidates, or threatens competitors has no place in interscholastic activities.
- (5) Provide information or evidence regarding eligibility of any contestant or school to local school administrators or to the appropriate judicial bodies upon request.
- (6) Understand and appreciate the educational values of competition and abstain from modifying or soliciting another teacher to modify grades for eligibility purposes, knowing that such behavior defeats the character-building purposes of extracurricular competition.
- (7) Abstain from any practice that makes a student feel pressured to participate in non-school activities.
- (8) At all times, ensure that competition is relative to a more important overall educational effort, using competition as a tool in the preparation of students for citizenship and successful adulthood.
- (9) Insure that UIL Academic district, regional and state meets receive precedence over non-qualifying contests or meets.
- (10) School districts shall notify the academic district or regional meet director no later than the end of the second school day following academic district or regional competition if a student or a team knows that it will not compete at the next higher academic meet.



DENISON DINING

Restaurants

The Rig Grill
Cotton Patch
Jalapeno Tree
Lettuce Indulge
CJ's Coffee
Huck's Catfish
Kent's Tex/Mex
Girasole's
Culver's

Fast Food

Starbucks
IHOP
Braums
Burger King
Chik-Fil-a
Arbys
McDonalds
Sonic
Taco Bell
Subway

SHERMAN DINING

Restaurants

Chili's
The Rib Crib
Cracker Barrel
Olive Garden
Texas Roadhouse
Cheddars
Red Lobster
Mariachi's
MG's
City Limits
Camino Vejeo
The Old Iron Post
Sage Café
La Mesa

Fast Food

Wendys
Firehouse Subs
Taco Bell
Panda Express
Panera Bread
Buffalo Wild Wings
Mooyah
Sonic
Chick-Fil-A
Braums
Whataburger
Taco Cabana
Jimmy Johns
McAllister's
Wing Stop
Raising Cane's



LODGING

DENISON

Hilton Garden Inn
5015 S US Hwy 75
Denison, TX 75020
(855) 470-1527

Best Western Plus
810 N US Hwy 75
Denison, TX 75020
(903) 327-8883

Hampton Inn
3415 Ansley Blvd.
Denison, TX 75020
(903) 464-9010

Comfort Inn & Suites
715 N Point Look Out Drive
Denison, TX 75020
(903) 462-4097

SHERMAN

Quality Suites of Sherman
2900 N US Hwy 75
Sherman, TX 75090
(903) 893-0499

Comfort Inn
2904 Michelle
Sherman, TX 75090
(903) 893-9333

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
2909 Michelle Drive
Sherman, TX 75090
(903) 892-3300

LaQuinta Inn & Suites
2912 S U.S. Hwy 75
Sherman, TX 75090
(903) 870-1122



ACADEMIC EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, April 25, 2025

EVENT

LOCATION

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Contest Director: Kaity Davis

Check In	7:30 a.m.	SS Building-Math Hub
Round # 1	8:00 a.m.	SC, LA & CIS Lecture
Round # 2	9:00 a.m.	SC, LA & CIS Lecture
Round # 3	10:00 a.m.	SC, LA & CIS Lecture
Quarter-finals	1:00 p.m.	LA & CIS Lecture
Semi-finals	2:00 p.m.	LA & CIS Lecture
Finals	3:30 p.m.	

Extemporaneous Speaking

Contest Director: Kaity Davis

Roll Call/Draw	11:00 a.m.	SC, LA & CIS Lecture
Preliminaries	11:30 a.m.	SC, LA & CIS Lecture
Finals Draw	3:00 p.m.	LA & CIS Lecture
Finals	3:30 p.m.	LA & CIS Lecture

Prose & Poetry Interpretation

Contest Director: Kaity Davis

Roll Call	7:15 a.m.	SC, LA & CIS Lecture
Preliminaries-Prose	8:00 a.m.	SC, LA & CIS Lecture
Preliminaries-Poetry	9:00 a.m.	SC, LA & CIS Lecture
Finals	1:00 p.m.	LA & CIS Lecture

Journalism

Contest Director: Carol Cox

Ready Writing	8:00 a.m.	Library - Computer Lab
Copy Edit (New Event)	10:30 a.m.	Library - Computer Lab
News Writing	11:00 a.m.	Library - Computer Lab
Feature Writing	12:00 p.m.	Library - Computer Lab
Editorial Writing	1:30 p.m.	Library - Computer Lab
Headline Writing	2:30 p.m.	Library - Computer Lab
*Grading (ALL)		Library - Multipurpose Room

Computer Science

Contest Director: David James

Written Test	1:30 p.m.	CWL Auditorium
Programming	4:00 p.m.	CWL Auditorium

Literary Criticism

Contest Director: Kathy Harper

Contest	3:30 p.m.	HS-Irma Blackburn Auditorium
Grading		HS-Irma Blackburn Auditorium

Location Legend:

SS building = Student Success Center SC = Science LA = Liberal Arts

CIS = Center for Interdisciplinary Studies CWL = Center for Workplace Learning HS = Health Science



ACADEMIC EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 26, 2025

EVENT		LOCATION
Accounting	Contest Director: Sherry Livingston	
Contest	11:00 a.m.	HS-312
Grading		HS-314
Calculator Applications	Contest Director: Dayna Ford	
Contest	9:00 a.m.	CWL AUDITORIUM
Grading		CWL Seminar Room C
Current Events	Contest Director: Mo Lowman	
Contest	8:00 a.m.	HS-Irma Blackburn Auditorium
Grading		CWL Seminar Room B
Mathematics	Contest Director: Dayna Ford	
Contest	2:30 p.m.	CWL AUDITORIUM
Grading		CWL Seminar Room C
Number Sense	Contest Director: Dayna Ford	
Contest	8:00 a.m.	CWL AUDITORIUM
Grading		CWL Seminar Room C
Science	Contest Director: Cristian Chavez	
Contest	11:00 a.m.	CWL AUDITORIUM
Grading		CWL Seminar Room C
Social Studies	Contest Director: Mo Lowman	
Contest	1:30 p.m.	HS-Irma Blackburn Auditorium
Grading		CWL Seminar Room B
Spelling	Contest Director/Pronouncer: Melissa Atchison	
Contest	11:00 a.m.	HS-Irma Blackburn Auditorium
Grading		CWL Seminar Room B

**ONE-ACT PLAY
Wednesday & Thursday, April 23rd & 24th 2025
Cruce–Stark Auditorium**

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Speech Events General Instructions and Information

- Lincoln-Douglas Debate: All LD events will be held on Friday, April 25, 2025.
- All judges for Lincoln Douglas will be provided by Grayson College.
- Prose, Poetry, Informative and Persuasive: All judges for Prose, Poetry, Informative and Persuasive speaking will be provided by Grayson College.
- Timekeepers for all events will be provided by Grayson College.
- All judges are required to stay until all ranks have been verified.
- Extemporaneous Draw location is TBD.
- Contest Directors can find event handbooks on the UIL website and are downloadable at via the UIL website:
<http://www.uiltexas.org/academics/resources/contest-handbooks-manuals>

JOURNALISM

AP Stylebook Clarification

Students may use a printed AP Stylebook in all five journalism contests. The electronic version can be used in News Writing, Feature Writing and Editorial Writing. Contestants may add tabs to the Stylebook, but may not write notes on the tabs or in the book. Remember that no pre-printed material is permitted in the journalism contests with the exception of the dictionary, thesaurus and AP Stylebook.



District Payment Form

**All payments are due by March 25, 2025.
This form must be submitted with payment.
Please make checks payable to Grayson College.**

District: _____

Name of District Director: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Point of Contact Attending Event (if not District Director): _____

**Phone
Number:** _____ **Email:** _____

Names of Schools:

Academic Regional Fee:

**\$3500.00 per district payable to Grayson
College**

Please mail payments to:

Grayson College
Attn: Cristian Chavez
6101 Grayson Drive
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**For questions or concerns please
contact:**

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