

## UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE (UIL)

The purpose of the University Interscholastic League (UIL) is to organize, direct, supervise and control desirable school activities. The strength of the UIL has always been drawn from the member schools which make and enforce the rules. The two major philosophies behind the UIL rules are: to prevent unfair advantage by any team or contestant and to prevent the exploitation of any contestant.

When a school joins the UIL, it agrees to accept and observe the terms of participation in the contests as set forth in The Constitution and Contest Rules, special circulars and in the official notices section of The Leaguer. All persons involved in organizing, administering or sponsoring a UIL contest should: study and familiarize themselves with those rules governing eligibility, organization of various meets, methods of settling disputes and so on. A Professional Acknowledgement form must be signed by all coaches and sponsors of UIL activities.

The UIL administrative offices are at the University of Texas at Austin:

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The UIL sponsors baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball and wrestling.

The rules on athletics are found in sections 1200, 1300 and 1400 of The Constitution and Contest Rules. This is a partial list of the sections and topics:

- 400 Eligibility
- 440 Eligibility for Athletic Contests
- 442 Residence in School District Attendance Zone
- 1203 Duties of Athletic District Executive Committee
- 1205 Athletic Eligibility
- 1206 School Practice and Game Restrictions
- 1209 Non-School Participation
- 1401 Seventh and Eighth Grade Athletic Plan

Explanations of applications of TEA/SBOE regulations to UIL activities are published yearly in the TEA-UIL Side by Side. Information on advanced classes, enrollment requirements, academic requirements, practice and performance limitations, extracurricular absences, cheerleading, etc. is presented in this document.

### ELIGIBILITY

The UIL adheres to the rules listed in The Constitution and Contest Rules and rules developed in Senate Bill 1, May 31, 1995.

A student is eligible if he/she is a full-time day student, been in attendance since the 6<sup>th</sup> day of class of the present school year or in regular attendance for 15 or more calendar days, initially enrolled in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade not more than four years ago, is less than 19 years old on September 1 or granted eligibility based on disability, is in compliance with state law requirements, is a resident of the member school district and of the attendance zone for the participant school or has been continuously enrolled and attending the school for at least the previous calendar year, and did not move for athletic purposes.

The UIL rules regarding transfers and residence apply to varsity athletes only. Exceptions to the residence rule including an explanation of the hardship waiver are explained in the C & CR, 442.

An ineligible student may practice throughout the school year, and travel to and participate in scrimmages (which are limited and considered practice sessions) and may participate in a one day tryout performance.

An ineligible student may not compete, travel with a school organization, sit with the team or wear a uniform during a contest.

A student may participate in a sport at the start of the school year if he/she has met the following criteria:

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: promoted from the previous grade.

10<sup>th</sup> Grade: earned 5 credits\*\* toward graduation.

11<sup>th</sup> Grade: earned 10 credits\*\* toward graduation.

12<sup>th</sup> Grade: earned 15 credits\*\* toward graduation.

\* also may have earned 5 credits in preceding 12 months

\*\* all credits must count toward state graduation requirements

A student may participate in a sport if, at the end of a grading period, he/she has earned grades of 70 or above in all classes with the exception of classes identified by the State Board of Education and the YISD Board that are exempt from “No Pass, No Play” are cited below.

State Board of Education (Senate Bill 1517) approved advanced classes:

### **Identification of Honors Courses under TEC §74.30**

The following are identified as honors classes as referred to in the Texas Education Code, §33.081 (d)(1), concerning extracurricular activities:

- 1) all College Board advanced placement courses and International Baccalaureate courses in all disciplines;
- 2) English language arts: high school/college concurrent enrollment classes that are included in the “Community College General Academic Course Guide Manual (Part One)”;
- 3) Languages other than English: high school/college concurrent enrollment classes that are included in the “Community College General Academic Course Guide Manual (Part One),” and languages other than English courses Levels IV-VII;
- 4) Mathematics: high school/college concurrent enrollment classes that are included in the “Community College General Academic Course Guide Manual (Part One)” and Precalculus;
- 5) Science: high school/college concurrent enrollment classes that are included in the “Community College General Academic Course Guide Manual (Part One)”;
- 6) Social studies: Social Studies Advanced Studies, Economics Advanced Studies, and high school/college concurrent enrollment classes that are included in the “Community College General Academic Course Guide Manual (Part One).”

Ysleta ISD Board of Education approved advanced classes:

#### 1. English Language Arts:

English I-A Pre-AP

English I-B Pre-AP

English II-A Pre-AP

English II-B Pre-AP

#### 2. Languages Other Than English:

French III-A Pre-AP

French III-B Pre-AP

German III-A Pre-AP

German III-B Pre-AP

Latin III-A Pre-AP

Latin III-B Pre-AP

Spanish II-A Pre-AP Language Native

Spanish II-B Pre-AP Language Native

Spanish III-A Pre-AP Language Non-Native

Spanish III-B Pre-AP Language Non-Native

#### 3. Mathematics:

Algebra I-A Pre-AP

Algebra I-B Pre-AP

Algebra II-A Pre-AP

Algebra II-B Pre-AP

Geometry A Pre-AP  
PreCalculus A Pre-AP

Geometry B Pre-AP  
PreCalculus B Pre-AP

4. Science:

Integrated Physics & Chemistry A Pre-AP  
Environ Sys A Pre-AP  
Biology I-A Pre-AP  
Chemistry I-A Pre-AP  
Physics A Pre-AP

Integrated Physics & Chemistry B Pre-AP  
Environ Sys B Pre-AP  
Biology I-B Pre-AP  
Chemistry I-B Pre-AP  
Physics B Pre-AP

5. Social Studies:

US History Since Reconstruction A Pre-AP  
World Geography A Pre-AP  
World History Studies A Pre-AP  
Econ. w/ Emphasis on Free Enterprise System and its Benefits A Pre-AP  
Econ. w/ Emphasis on Free Enterprise System and its Benefits B Pre-AP  
Economics Advanced Studies Pre-AP  
Special Topics in Social Studies A Pre-AP

US History Since Reconstruction B Pre-AP  
World Geography B Pre-AP  
World History Studies B Pre-AP  
Special Topics in Social Studies B Pre-AP

Once a failing grade is posted it stands for the grading period, unless there was a mechanical error in the grade calculation or the teacher did not follow district grading procedures.

Information on dates for eligibility determinations is presented in the Ysleta ISD Eligibility Calendar Information.

According to the YISD Regulation EIA-R (approved 5-14-97), Incomplete Grades, B: if absences are excused, students who are absent will have a reasonable amount of time as determined by the criteria established by the Campus Attendance Committee.

C: student participants in UIL who have an “incomplete” grade due to an excused absence will be given up to a seven day grace period to make-up work. The student will be considered ineligible at the end of the seven day grace period unless the “incomplete” is replaced with a passing grade at the end of the seven day grace period. A student may not participate in games until the “incomplete” is cleared.  
Refer to TEA/UIL Side by Side under Academic Requirement.

A full-time day student is enrolled in classes for at least four hours a day. A student who is removed from class and placed in an alternative education program under SB1 is prohibited from attending or participating in school-sponsored or school-related activity.

**Intra-District Transfers**

A student who has an option to attend more than one high school within a school district, rather than being assigned to a school according to attendance zones, is eligible at the school first selected if he/she transfers at the first opportunity. If a student subsequently transfers to another school, the student is not eligible for varsity athletic competition until he/she has been in and regularly attended that school for at least the previous calendar year.