AGENDA

- Student Eligibility for All UIL Contest
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- "No Pass, No Play"
- TEA/UIL Homeless Student
- Parent Residence Rule Waiver
C&CR Section 400
STUDENT’S ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL UIL CONTEST

Student’s Eligibility:
- Is not a high school graduate
- Is a full-time student
- Regular attendance / 15 day rule
- Meets credit requirements (“NO PASS NO PLAY”)
- Enrolled in four year program
- Four year rule
- Was not recruited (PAPF)
- Awards Rule
- Meets requirements of C&CR Section 440

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

- A person is considered a high school graduate if that person received a diploma or other certificate signifying successful completion of high school from a high school or other institution of equal or higher rank, participated as a graduate in the graduation exercises of a high school, or complied with the requirements for graduation during a four-year program, whether or not the student participated in the graduation exercises.

- GED TESTING PROGRAM. A student who receives an equivalency credential based on the General Education Development Testing Program is not considered a high school graduate, if that student remains in or returns to high school, and has not otherwise met the requirements for high school graduation.
FULL TIME STUDENT

- Enrolled in participant high school
  - a student must be enrolled for at least four hours per day
  - four hours may be for either state approved or local credit.

- Required courses by SBOE

- In compliance with local written transfer and admission policies

REGULAR ATTENDANCE

- A student is in regular attendance even though he or she is absent for 10 class days or less after enrolling in school because of illness or other unavoidable cause, if the parent or guardian submits a written statement certifying this as the reason for the absence and the principal approves the absence.

- A student who does not enroll in and attend school within the first six class days is ineligible to participate until the 15th day after enrollment and attendance.

- Students who are in an alternative program under TEC Section 37.006 (c) may resume UIL participation on the first day they return to regular classes, with local school district approval.
STUDENT’S ELIGIBILITY

Four Year Rule:

- A student may participate in League contests over four consecutive calendar years after the student first enrolls in the ninth grade.

Four Year Program:

- Students who never entered the ninth grade but were placed into the tenth grade have three consecutive years from their first entry into the tenth grade to complete their high school eligibility.

- Over-age eighth grade students who participate on the high school varsity team have four consecutive years, including eighth grade to complete their high school eligibility.

Recruiting:

- Recruiting is not only a violation by the student who has been recruited, but it is also a violation by the school and/or the school district personnel who recruited the student. It is a violation to recruit at all grade levels.

Awards Rule:

- Awards Schools May Give
  - an award not exceed $70 in value to a student during that student’s high school enrollment at the same school for participation in UIL inter-school competition.

- Awards Students May Receive
  - A certificate, medal, trophy or other symbolic award for participating in any UIL activity which counts on League standing, if it is given by the school, school district, the district executive committee, or the entity that organized the competition.
C&CR Section 440

VARSITY ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETIC CONTESTS:

- Meets all requirements of Section 400
- Parent Residence
- Changing Schools for Athletic Purposes (PAPF)
- Age Rule
- Amateur Athletic Status

VARSITY ELIGIBILITY

Residence Rule:

- Is a resident of the member school district and a resident of the attendance zone in which the participant school being attended is situated
- Or has been *continuously enrolled* in and regularly attending the school for at least the previous calendar year if his or her parents do not reside within the school district’s attendance zone
PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM (PAPF)

Changing schools for athletic purposes:

- All new students in grades 9-12 who have ever practiced (before, during or after school) or participated in any UIL athletic activity in grade 8-12 at another school MUST have this form completed by the previous school (last school of participation) and be approved by the District Executive Committee before they are eligible to participate at the varsity level at the new school.

- The new form includes the student eligibility questionnaire that must be completed first for any student new to that school district before participation.

PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM (PAPF)

Changing schools for athletic purposes:

- **Common Indicators**
  - Checking to see if a student was recruited
  - Ascertaining whether a student was in good standing in the previous school, either academically or in a sports program
  - Determining if a student was unhappy with a coach in the previous school
  - Determining if a student played on a non-school team and is transferring to the school where members of the non-school team attend
PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM (PAPF)

Changing schools for athletic purposes:

Common Indicators:

- Determining if a student played on a non-school team and is transferring to the school where the non-school team coach, or a relative of the school coach, is the school coach.
- Determining if a student received individual or team instruction from a school coach and is transferring to the school of that coach.

Age

Age Rule:

- Student is less than 19 years old on September 1 preceding the contest, or has been granted eligibility based on a disability which delayed his or her education by at least one year.
“NO PASS NO PLAY”

Eligibility for the FIRST Six Weeks (Credit Requirements):

- **Grades nine and below**
  - Students must have been **promoted** from the previous grade.

- **Second Year of High School**
  - **five accumulated credits** that count toward state graduation requirements.

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“NO PASS NO PLAY”

Eligibility for the FIRST Six Weeks (Credit Requirements):

- **Third Year of High School**
  - ten accumulated credits that count toward state graduation requirements or student must have earned at least **five credits within the last twelve months** that count toward state graduation requirement.

- **Fourth Year or High School**
  - fifteen accumulated credits that count toward state graduation requirements or student must have earned at least **five credits within the last twelve months** that count toward state graduation requirement.
“NO PASS NO PLAY”

Eligibility for the FIRST Six Weeks (Credit Requirements):

- Students who do not meet the previous 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.

Eligibility AFTER the FIRST Six Weeks:

- All schools must check grades for all participants at the end of the first six weeks of the school year. From that point, grades are checked at the end of the grading period whether it is six, nine, or twelve weeks in length.

- Students who pass remain eligible until the end of the next grading period. 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 the FIRST 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.

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 of seven consecutive calendar days or more.
TEA/UIL HOMELESS STUDENT

- Texas Education Code §25.001 (b) (5) ensures that homeless children (individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate residence or whose primary nighttime residence is a shelter, an institution providing temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a place not ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings) are eligible for prompt access to enrollment. Residency requirements, guardianship requirements, or school record requirements cannot be used to prohibit or delay the enrollment of homeless children and youth. Additional information and resources relating to homeless students can be obtained from The Dana Center: http://www.utdanacenter.org/theo/.

- Homeless students would need their school administrator to apply to the UIL for a waiver of residence if the student plans to participate in varsity athletics.

WAIVERS

Waivers of Eligibility Rules:

- Parent Residence, Age, and Four year rules
- Waiver Officer – Eddie Wolski
- Application/Procedure for waiver
- Submission to waiver officer
- Decision by waiver officer
PARENT RESIDENCE RULE

- If a district executive committee finds that a student does not comply with Sections 440 (b) and 442 (residence rules), that student may apply for a waiver of the apparent non-compliance and a declaration of eligibility.

- A waiver of the residence rule shall be null and void when either the district executive committee or the State Executive Committee determines that the student changed schools for athletic purposes.

- If a student who has been granted a waiver returns to the school in the attendance zone where the parents reside, a Previous Athletic Participation Form shall be furnished to the district executive committee, who will rule on the student’s eligibility at that school.
WAIVERS

- Submission to waiver officer
  - The applicant for a waiver shall submit with the application statements of the facts and circumstances that excuse the apparent non-compliance with the rules.

- Decision by waiver officer
  - Within 14 days after the Waiver Officer determines that the application is complete, the Waiver Officer shall upon the basis of the application and written statements decide whether the waiver should be granted and the applicant declared eligible. The Waiver Officer shall promptly send a copy of the decision to the applicant, superintendent, principal and the chair of the district executive committee.