



UIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

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The UIL has grown into the largest interschool organization of its kind in the world. The voluntary membership organization exists to provide educational extracurricular academic, athletic and music contests. The League continues to operate as part of the University of Texas, under the auspices of the Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement. For more than a century the UIL has helped mold the leaders of tomorrow, and it will continue to do so for the next 100 years.

PURPOSE: Educational Competition

The purpose of the UIL is to organize and properly supervise contests that assist in preparing students for citizenship. It aims to provide healthy, character building, educational activities carried out under rules providing for good sportsmanship and fair play for all participants. Sensible organized competition under proper controls has demonstrated its value and has furnished inspiration to talented students for more than a century.

FUNCTION

The UIL provides information and service to schools, and administers

contests in 70 activities for approximately 2.2 million participants across the state each year.

GOVERNANCE

The UIL is governed by state law established by the state legislature, the policies of the University of Texas at Austin and the Constitution & Contest Rules, developed by UIL member schools. The Constitution & Contest Rules contains rules for UIL activities and standards of eligibility to be met by students to earn the privilege of representing their schools in interschool contests. These rules apply to participating schools and students, and are in compliance with all state laws.

From the beginning, school administrators from across Texas have served on UIL committees and helped write and establish rules and administrative guidelines. By voluntary adoption of rules, school people govern their own interscholastic activities.

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS

UIL member schools are divided into five conferences according to enrollment. Conferences, in order of enrollment, are 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A.

A+ ACADEMICS ADDS CHESS PUZZLE PILOT PROGRAM

BY STEPHANIE RAMIREZ

The UIL Legislative Council approved a new program for pilot status in October of 2010. Chess puzzle is the newest addition to the A+ Academics program for grades 2-8.

Chess puzzle competition is very different from tournament chess play. Contestants in a chess puzzle contest receive a paper-and-pencil test that includes a series of chess boards with pieces in particular positions. The contestant must then determine the fewest moves to checkmate given that particular board layout. Time is also a factor - contestants are scored based on the most puzzles solved in the least amount of time.

"Feedback from the invitational contests has been positive so far," said David Trussell, UIL Assistant Academic Director and A+ Academics Director. "There seems to be a great deal of interest among schools that have established chess programs already. What I'll be looking at as we go

forward with the pilot is how the interest may develop, not only among schools that have chess programs, but also among those that don't."

How long the program is classified as pilot status is dependent upon the interest among A+ schools, as well as how smoothly the contests run. The benefit of the program being in pilot status is that it allows evaluations of the contest and the ability to revise contest rules in order to improve the event.

Districts with meets were contacted about possible participation in the pilot in the spring. All A+ districts will have the option to participate in 2011-12 by indicating their choice on the District Meet form.

The last competition that was introduced as a pilot program and became an official UIL event was A+ Social Studies, which spent three academic years as a pilot before becoming an official UIL event in 2006.



EDUCATIONAL AND ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE THROUGH COMPETITION

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ADMINISTRATION

The UIL office is located at 1701 Manor Road in Austin. The President of The University of Texas at Austin appoints a person to serve as the Executive Director of the UIL. The Executive Director is an employee of The University of Texas at Austin. The Executive Director and a support staff of approximately 50 people administer the UIL.

UIL staff members cannot penalize any school or student; they may give an opinion or staff interpretation. Only the appropriate committee (District Executive Committee or State Executive Committee) can give a final interpretation or apply a penalty.



STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The State Executive Committee, appointed by the Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency, is composed of seven school administrators, representing each of the four geographical regions and each of the five conferences, and a minimum of four at-large members, for a total of 11 members.

The State Executive Committee interprets the rules, settles disputes between different UIL districts and issues that arise beyond the district level, conducts investigations and hearings of alleged violations and hears appeals.



SHEPHERD COACH NATHAN POTTS WINS 2011 NFHS SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD

BY CHRIS SCHMIDT

Shepherd football coach Nathan Potts has been chosen as the Section Six recipient of the 2011 National High School Spirit of Sport Award.

Potts, who currently serves as an assistant football coach at Shepherd High School and the head coach of the Shepherd Middle School football team, received the award for exemplifying a positive spirit while overcoming adversity. In 2001 after the terrorist attacks of September 11, Potts took a hiatus from his coaching career while at Fort Worth Dunbar High School to join the U.S. Army and serve his country as his father and grandfather had before him.

During a mission in 2005, Potts and his group were patrolling one of the deadliest highways in Baghdad when their vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED). No one was injured, but they had to search the area on foot after the explosion. Potts, a sergeant, was leading a line of troops when a secondary explosive went off near him. He suffered a traumatic brain injury, lost flesh from his right leg, broke his left hip, lost skin from his right arm, broke the middle finger on his right hand and lost a tooth. His fellow soldiers rushed him to the U.S. Military hospital in Baghdad where he was put into a medically induced coma and doctors performed several surgeries on him. His finger was amputated and, later, so was his right leg. Doctors did everything they could to save it, but there were only two working arteries in his leg. After one of them failed, doctors left it up to Potts whether or not to keep the leg. On January 17, 2006 he had it removed. The same leg that he used to kick field goals for Northeastern (Okla.) State, where he helped win a NAIA national championship in 1994, was now gone.

After being released from the hospital in November, Potts went back to school and began looking for coaching jobs in Texas and Oklahoma. He had very little luck finding a job. Even though no one said they didn't want him because of his injuries, Potts felt it was a drawback. That was when his former boss at Fort Worth Dunbar, Bob Jones who was now the athletic director at Shepherd High School, invited him to come take over the middle school program at Shepherd and assist with the high school team.

It was a struggle at first because, before his injuries, Potts had always been the type of coach to instruct his players by showing them what to do. He overcame that adversity by becoming a better speaker and teacher verbally instructing his student-athletes on how to play football. He believes his time in the Army helped him in this struggle as he had become more disciplined and mature. Jones, who knew him before and after his time in the military, has seen a lot more patience in



2011 NFHS SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD RECIPIENT AND SHEPHERD FOOTBALL COACH NATHAN POTTS OVERLOOKS PRACTICE. PHOTO COURTESY JULIO CORTEZ | HOUSTON CHRONICLE

his coaching style and believes he has become a better coach.

Through his experiences Potts is able to connect with his students in a way that most coaches cannot. Potts embodies the values of citizenship and perseverance and teaches these principles to his players every day. In his office hangs the Purple Heart and Bronze Star he received for his heroic and meritorious service to his country, and that resonates with his students.

Potts suffered a horrific injury while serving his country and returned to the game he loved so that he could teach the high school and middle school students of Shepherd the value of a positive spirit and citizenship. Potts is not just a teacher of football, but also a teacher of life. The lessons that can be learned from him go beyond the sport of football.

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) sponsors the National High School Spirit of Sport Award, which is given annually to eight section winners and one national winner. The UIL is a part of Section Six of the NFHS. The award seeks to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive spirit of sport that represent the core mission of education-based athletics.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

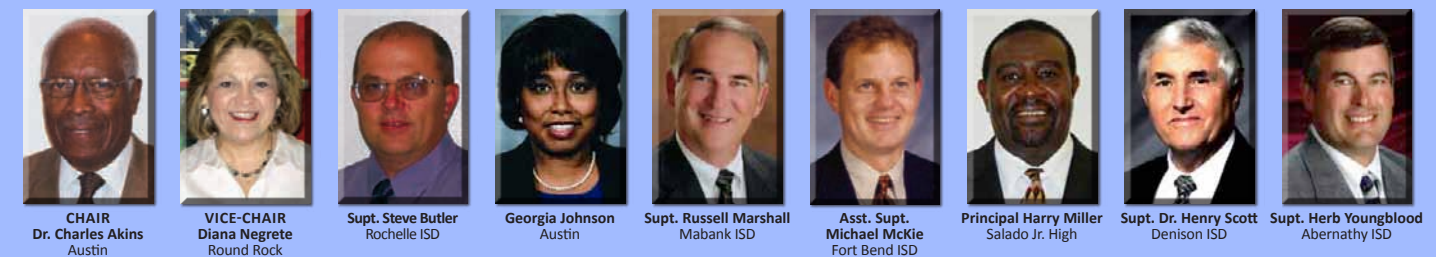
The UIL Legislative Council, the 28-member rule-making body, is composed of public school administrators from across the state. School superintendents elect 20 members, with a representative chosen from each of the five conferences in each of the four geographical regions of the state. The chair of the Legislative Council appoints eight members from larger schools, to ensure a more balanced representation of ethnicity, gender and school populations.

The Legislative Council acts on many proposed amendments. A majority vote is required to change an eligibility rule or to make a change in UIL policy. Rules approved by the Legislative Council or by vote of member schools require further approval of the Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency before they are implemented.



WAIVER REVIEW BOARD

The Waiver Review Board, composed of nine members representing each of the five conferences and appointed by the chair of the Legislative Council, serves as the appellate board of the UIL. The Waiver Review Board reviews the decision of the UIL Waiver Officer when an appeal is filed.



SCHOLARSHIPS

TEXAS INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE FOUNDATION
 Since its inception in 1959, the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation (TILF) has given over \$24 million in scholarships to more than 16,000 Texas high school students who have competed in the UIL Academic State Meet.

During a typical academic year, TILF will give more than \$1 million to more than 600 students attending colleges and universities throughout Texas. The TILF has almost \$9 million in endowed funds and receives direct scholarship grants each year of more than \$800,000 from foundations, individuals and corporate sponsors throughout the state.



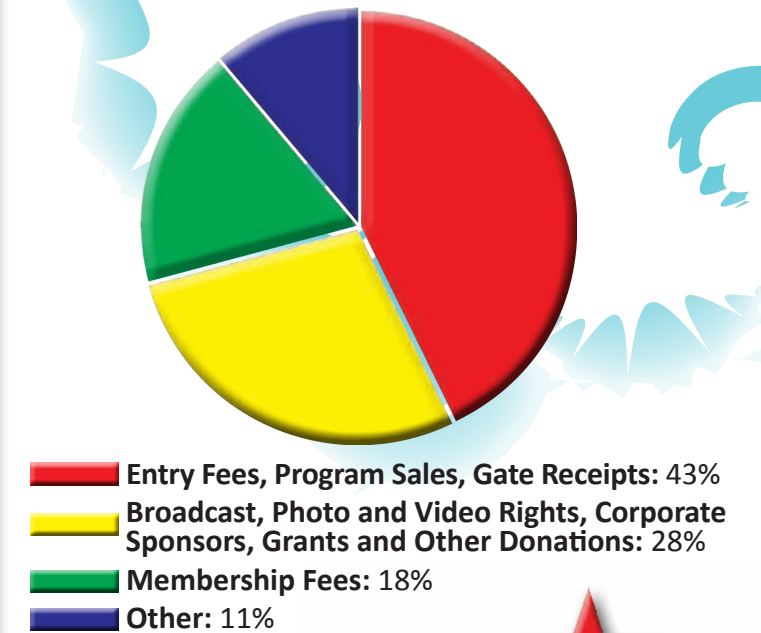
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FUNDING

The League's primary sources of income are: membership dues from member schools; the admission price for individual sports state competitions; an annually determined percentage of admission prices for state level contests; 15 percent of football and 16 percent of basketball post district gate receipts; proceeds from radio and television broadcasting and telecasting contracts; as well as proceeds from corporate sponsorships.

The University of Texas at Austin provides land for the building and administrative support for the UIL. UIL funds pay all other expenses. The UIL is subject to all University of Texas financial policies, including required audits. The UIL receives no state appropriations.

2009-10 REVENUE:
 Total Revenue: \$ 10,306,276



SHOWCASING THE TALENTS OF TEXAS

STUDENTS FOR 101 YEARS



NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR URBAN SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAMS WITH LIMITED RESOURCES

BY CHRIS SCHMIDT

In cooperation with fine arts directors in urban and inner city school districts, the UIL Music Division has expanded opportunities for emerging school music programs to participate in UIL music contests.

Many of these schools are attempting to rebuild or establish new music programs but do not currently have the depth or resources to enter the traditional varsity level of competition.

"This program is 'opening the door' for many schools to seek a positive, educational experience in UIL music contests when they would have had little or no possibility for success in the past," said Richard Floyd, UIL Director of Music. "We are excited about the prospect

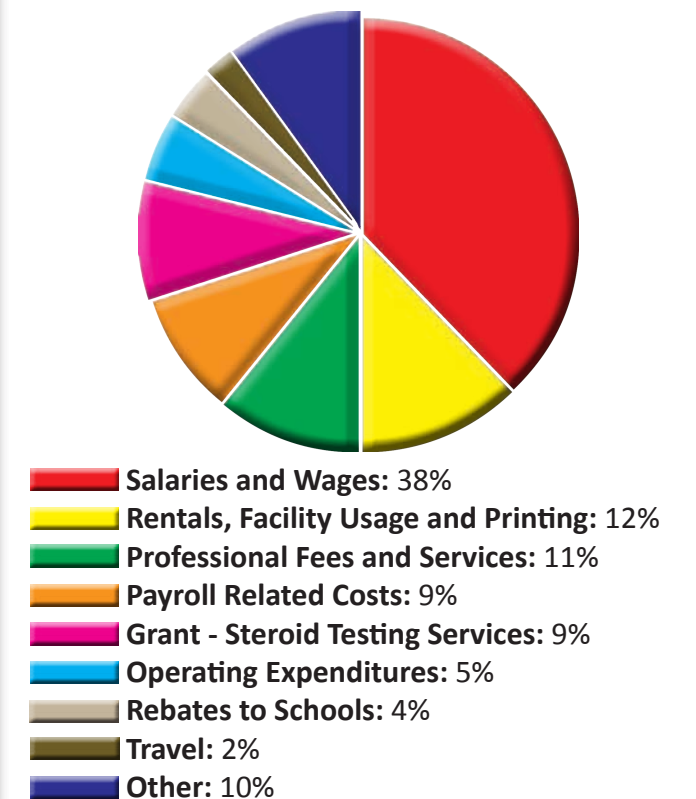
of providing these kinds of educational opportunities for this spectrum of our school population."

Special non-varsity status is now available to these music programs thus making it possible for them to receive the educational benefits of the UIL contest program at a level that is commensurate with their current level of musical achievement. As the programs grow and mature they will be elevated to varsity level competition when the programs are ready to benefit from the higher level of competition.

Programs like these offer new beginnings for students and schools alike. Where there are more opportunities to learn, there are more opportunities to succeed and build a solid foundation for the future.



2009-10 EXPENSES
 Total Expenses: \$ 9,708,181



UIL CONGRATULATES THE 2010-11 STATE CHAMPIONS

ACADEMICS:

State Meet

Academic Champs

- 1A - Martin's Mill
- 2A - Tuscola Jim Ned
- 3A - Argyle
- 4A - Friendswood
- 5A - Fort Bend Clements

MUSIC:

Marching Band

- 3A - Argyle
- 5A - Lewisville Marcus

ATHLETICS:

Baseball

- 1A - Johnson City Johnson
- 2A - Cameron Yoe
- 3A - Kennedale
- 4A - Wichita Falls Rider
- 5A - Clute Brazoswood

Girls Basketball

- 1A Div. I - Smyer
- 1A Div. II - Neches
- 2A - Brock
- 3A - Abilene Wylie
- 4A - Canyon
- 5A - Irving MacArthur

Boys Basketball

- 1A Div. I - Clyde Eula
- 1A Div. II - Paducah
- 2A - Idalou
- 3A - Corpus Christi West Oso
- 4A - Dallas Kimball
- 5A - Lewisville Marcus

Girls Cross Country

- 1A - Gruver
- 2A - Spearman
- 3A - Lucas Lovejoy
- 4A - Dallas Highland Park
- 5A - Humble Kingwood

Boys Cross Country

- 1A - Sundown
- 2A - Luling
- 3A - Lucas Lovejoy
- 4A - Cedar Park
- 5A - Conroe The Woodlands

Football

- 1A-6 Man Div. I - Garden City
- 1A-6 Man Div. II - Richland Springs
- 1A-11 Man Div. I - Mart
- 1A-11 Man Div. II - Falls City
- 2A Div. I - Daingerfield
- 2A Div. II - Idalou
- 3A Div. I - Henderson
- 3A Div. II - Carthage
- 4A Div. I - Austin Lake Travis
- 4A Div. II - Aledo
- 5A Div. I - Pearland
- 5A Div. II - Cibolo Steele

Girls Golf

- 1A - Baird
- 2A - Tuscola Jim Ned
- 3A - Andrews
- 4A - Montgomery
- 5A - Austin Westlake

Boys Golf

- 1A - Robert Lee
- 2A - Wall
- 3A - Prosper
- 4A - Austin Lake Travis
- 5A - Mansfield

Girls Soccer

- 4A - Frisco Wakeland
- 5A - McKinney Boyd

Boys Soccer

- 4A - Boerne Champion
- 5A - Southlake Carroll

Softball

- 1A - Shiner
- 2A - Danbury
- 3A - Celina
- 4A - Santa Fe
- 5A - Conroe The Woodlands

Girls Swimming & Diving

- 4A - Frisco
- 5A - Humble Kingwood

Boys Swimming & Diving

- 4A - Humble Kingwood Park
- 5A - Southlake Carroll

Team Tennis

- 4A - Dallas Highland Park
- 5A - New Braunfels

Girls Track & Field

- 1A - Snook
- 2A - Cameron Yoe
- 3A - Texarkana Liberty-Eylau
- 4A - Beaumont Ozen
- 5A - DeSoto

Boys Track & Field

- 1A - Munday
- 2A - Corrigan-Camden
- 3A - West Orange-Stark
- 4A - Lancaster
- 5A - Galena Park North Shore

Volleyball

- 1A - Round Top-Carmine
- 2A - White Oak
- 3A - Lucas Lovejoy
- 4A - Austin Lake Travis
- 5A - Lewisville Hebron

Wrestling

- Girls - Amarillo Caprock
- Boys - Allen

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