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The benefits of education and of useful knowledge, generally diffused through a community, are essential to the preservation of a free government.

SAM HOUSTON

Cultivated mind is the guardian genius of Democracy, and while guided and controlled by virtue, the noblest attribute of man. It is the only dictator that freemen acknowledge, and is the only security which freemen desire.

MIRABEAU B. LAMAR

School and community opinion should be so conditioned that every interschool contest dramatizes not only the reign of law but the reign of a higher law giving the Spirit of the rules precedence over the Letter, thus establishing a jurisdiction in which Conscience is the court of final appeal, empowered to confer the ultimate and most highly valued awards.

Educational Competition
The Story of the University Interscholastic League
by ROY BEDICHEK
UIL Director, 1921-1948

MESSAGE FROM THE
CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Dear Students, Coaches, Administrators and Parents,

The University Interscholastic League is the greatest organization in the state! I firmly believe that the opportunities that students are able to utilize in the UIL are life enhancing opportunities and lessons. Over my 30 plus years in education, I have witnessed multitudes of students benefiting from these opportunities and lessons. The lessons I have observed on and off the field in all competitions include teamwork, determination, competitive spirit, and honesty. Dr. Charles Breithaupt and other leaders of the past have done a magnificent job representing these traits, and leading this organization through all the challenges of a rapidly changing world and society, while maintaining the common goal of TRUE and FAIR competition. Dr. Breithaupt's staff holds true to those valued goals. This is why every student who represents and participates for their school strives to do their best and achieve a life-long dream of a UIL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP. These competitions proved our students with the motivation for success and these types of lessons and experiences impact children for a lifetime.

It is an honor and humbling experience to be given the opportunity to serve as chair of the University Interscholastic League Legislative Council. Having served on the council for many years, I know how much hard work and preparation goes into such a large organization. Being chosen to serve as Chair of the finest organization in the state is one of the highlights of my career. I hope that I will be able to continue the tradition of this organization and support the Superintendents that have entrusted me with this role.

Students, Parents, Coaches, Teachers and Administrators, I want to thank each of you for supporting and contributing to this great organization. Your commitment and support are critical in the continued greatness of this organization. Best of luck in the competitions to come.

Respectfully,



Jim Waller

Waller ISD Superintendent

Chair, UIL Legislative Council



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Dear UIL Participants:

While the most important work you do as a student is in the classroom, there is much more to learn and experience beyond your classroom studies. That is why I am so pleased you have chosen to participate in one or more UIL-sponsored activities this year. Through extra-curricular competition—whether academic, artistic, or athletic—you immerse yourself in experiences that instill the principles of teamwork and fair play, you develop respect for both yourself and your opponent, and you earn the satisfaction of setting goals for yourself and working hard toward achieving them. Winning can be deeply satisfying—though it is certainly not the sole measure of your success.

The relationship between the UIL and The University of Texas at Austin is historic and unique. The UIL was founded on UT's "Forty Acres" in 1910 and has been going strong ever since. I am exceptionally proud of this history and the important role that the UIL has played in the lives of students in Texas for more than a century. UT and the UIL are a perfect fit, because both place high value on excellence, integrity, and fairness. If a UIL competition brings you to Austin, I invite you to explore our campus and discover what UT Austin has to offer. I am confident that you will be inspired by the teaching, research, preservation, and artistic expression that takes place here every day.

You have my best wishes for a great year, both in the classroom and in your UIL competitions. Many wonderful adventures lie before you in life. You will experience them with your family and friends, during your working career, through your hobbies and avocations, and in the recreations and moments of solitude that you set aside for yourself. My advice is to enjoy and experience each to its fullest—including the wonderful moments and memories your UIL competitions will provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory L. Fenves".

Gregory L. Fenves
President

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The University Interscholastic League believes

that most students enjoy the pursuit of excellence and seek opportunities to test themselves against their own accomplishments and those of their peers,

that such opportunities are best provided through properly conducted and equitably administered competitive activities,

that the classroom is enriched by the flow of student energy into the more intensified arena of competition and back into the classroom.

Therefore, we reaffirm that students are the focus of our endeavor and deserve an opportunity to:

refine physical and mental aptitudes,

nurture self-realization and build self-confidence,

feel a sense of pride and dignity,

experience teamwork and develop a sense of fair play,

develop the ability to lead and the willingness to follow,

foster self-discipline and perseverance,

appreciate that rules, consistently applied, create order and discipline,

learn to accept graciously the decisions of judges and officials,

affirm self-worth in times of disappointment as well as adulation,

cultivate lifetime skills,

complement their class work with practice and performance,

have fun,

experience the joy of achieving their potential in a wholesome environment and,

discover that ultimately the true meaning of winning is doing one's best.

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To use the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules most efficiently and effectively, try the following methods:

- (1) TRY THE TABLE OF CONTENTS—the table provides you with an overview of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.
- (2) TRY THE INDEX—the index provides you with page number by subject matter.
- (3) Rules on which Official Interpretations have been issued by the State Executive Committee are cross referenced to Appendix I, which contains the Official Interpretations.
- (4) CALL THE UIL—Staff members are identified under UIL Administration, and in Appendix III.
- (5) Rule changes for the 2017-2018 school year are listed in Appendix V.

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INTRODUCTION

The University Interscholastic League was created by The University of Texas at Austin to provide leadership and guidance to public school debate and athletic teachers.

In 1909, with the approval of the Board of Regents, Dr. S. E. Mezes, president of The University, organized and formed the Extension Bureau at The University to serve the state. He later created the Debating League of Texas High Schools as a part of The Extension Division of The University. Almost simultaneously, he appointed a history professor, Dr. Charles W. Ramsdell, to the University Athletic Council and asked him to investigate the possibility of organizing an annual high school track meet, to be held at The University. After talking with public school officials across the state, Professor Ramsdell organized such a meet and then formed the Interscholastic Athletic Association to assure the continuance and improvement of the meet and other similar athletic activities.

In 1913, the Debating League of Texas High Schools and the Interscholastic Athletic Association were merged to form the extension program known from 1913 to the present as the University Interscholastic League, which is still operated by The University of Texas at Austin.

The UIL is the largest organization of its kind in the world, covering a larger geographic area, serving more public schools, scheduling a greater variety of contests, and holding more contests and meets than any other similar organization in the United States.

Public school administrators and contest sponsors believe that competitions organized and administered by educators, without interference from outside interest groups, have provided a useful channel for the energies and talents of the state's finest public school students.

Special attention is called to the following matters:

- (a) The rules published herein and citations to special bulletins, as well as notices in the "Official Notices" column of the Leaguer, constitute official notice to all UIL members.
- (b) It is the responsibility of each school district superintendent to submit application forms and see that payments for memberships are made prior to the prescribed deadline.
- (c) When a school district 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. When disputes arise, they shall be settled by the committees in the prescribed manner. This is a voluntary organization and all conditions surrounding participation are freely accepted. Both the letter and spirit of the rules are to be observed with genuine cooperation.
- (d) All persons involved in organizing, administering or sponsoring a UIL contest should familiarize themselves with rules governing participation, schedule and disposition of fees, definitions, eligibility rules, organization of the various meets, methods of settling disputes, etc. A Professional Acknowledgment Form shall be signed by all of the school district's coaches and sponsors of UIL activities.
- (e) Special rules should be studied by the directors of the respective events. Sponsors should be experts on the rules of the contests which they undertake, and if rules are not understood, the UIL office should be contacted for clarification.
- (f) These rules will be distributed to schools by the opening of the school session in August.
- (g) Official Interpretations of the State Executive Committee are in Appendix I. Those rules on which Official Interpretations have been issued are indicated within the rule.

The UIL program does not offer an activity for every student in the school. If a considerable group of students find participation in a contest educationally rewarding, then that program is justified from an administrative point of view. With the varied program offered by the UIL, a large percentage of public school students find at least one contest in which they can do well, thus enjoying the rewards of fair competition.

It is the mission of the University Interscholastic League to continue a focus on the educational aspects of contests and on the positive benefits to Texas public school students.

CHARLES BREITHAUP, Executive Director
University Interscholastic League

ADMINISTRATION

The UIL administration offices are at The University of Texas at Austin. The street address is 1701 Manor Road, Austin, Texas 78722. The mailing address is Box P.O. 8028, Austin, Texas 78713. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily except on weekends and on official UT-Austin holidays. The telephone number is 512-471-5883. For theatre only the telephone number is 512-471-9996.

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Director of Compliance: Mark Cousins

Director of Policy: Kevin Jones

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Assistant Academic Director: David Trussell

Assistant Athletic Director: Darryl Beasley

Assistant Athletic Director: Brian Polk

Assistant Athletic Director: Brandy Belk

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NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs. See Section 360, Non-Discrimination Policy, *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules*. <https://www.uiltexas.org/policy/constitution/general/nondiscrimination>

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