Academic Conflict Pattern

2019-2020

The Academic Conflict Pattern is not mandated at district. However, districts are strongly encouraged to follow it. The conflict pattern will be strictly observed at all region meets and at the UIL Academic State Meet. Contests in a given set do not conflict with contests in any other set, with the exception of restrictions in speaking events. For example, Number Sense in Set 1 does not conflict with Accounting in Set 2 or with Social Studies in Set 3.

Set 1
3 hours
(i.e. 8-11 a.m.)

Set 2
2 1/2 hours
(i.e. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)

Set 3
2 hours
(i.e. 1:30-3:30 p.m.)

Set 4
2 1/2 hours
(i.e. 3:30-6 p.m.)

Only the following contests will be held during Set 1.
These contests may be scheduled at the same time:
• Current Issues & Events
• Ready Writing
• Prose prelims
• Poetry prelims
• Lincoln-Douglas debate prelims

Each of the above contests conflicts with:
• Calculator Applications
• Number Sense
Calculator Applications, Number Sense and Computer Applications may not be held at the same time.
These contests may be scheduled at the same time:
• Computer Applications
• Copy Editing

If you enter: Team Debate
You may not enter these contests:
Lincoln-Douglas Debate
Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Prose Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation
Prose Interpretation
Poetry Interpretation
Informative Speaking
Persuasive Speaking

Feature Writing and News Writing may not be held at the same time.

Each of the above contests conflicts with:
• Computer Science
• Editorial Writing
• Headline Writing
• Mathematics

Computer Science and Mathematics shall not be held at the same time.

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The conflict pattern is not mandated at district, but it will be honored at all regional and state meets.

Regional and state schedules will not be modified to allow participation in conflicting events.

The following events may begin at the same time: Prose, Poetry, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Ready Writing*, Computer Applications*, and Current Issues & Events. Calculator Applications, Number Sense and Computer Applications may not be held at the same time. Students may also participate in both Current Issues & Events and Computer Applications so long as they are set up and do not delay the start of the Computer Applications contest. Number Sense and Calculator Applications conflict with Current Issues & Events, ready writing, prose/poetry interpretation and Lincoln-Douglas debate. Ready Writing and Copy Editing may not be scheduled at same time. Computer Applications and Copy Editing may be held at same time.

The following events may begin at the same time: Informative Speaking, Persuasive Speaking, Spelling & Vocabulary, Science and Accounting. News Writing* and Feature Writing* may not be held at the same time. Note: Informative and Persuasive Speaking finals and Computer Science Programming may conflict.

The following events may be held at the same time: Mathematics, Social Studies, Prose, Poetry and Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Editorial Writing* and Headline Writing may not be held at the same time. Computer Science and Mathematics shall not be held at the same time.

The following events may begin at the same time: Informative Speaking finals, Persuasive Speaking finals, Literary Criticism and Computer Science Programming**. Programming is administered at all levels of competition – district, regional and state.

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** - Events utilizing computers (Computer Applications, Editorial, Feature, News, and Ready Writing) must have at least 30 additional minutes earlier than indicated on the chart to set-up equipment. The contestant is not required to be present for equipment set-up.

** – The 2.5 hour block indicated for Computer Science hands-on programming allows 30 minutes for roll call, preliminary announcements and the “dry run” practice problem, followed by a full two hours for the actual contest.

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Sample District Meet Schedule

2019-2020

The conflict pattern exists so students can be assured that they will be able to compete in the contests for which they’ve prepared. It is constructed in four sets of contests.

1-DAY SCHEDULE

SET 1
8 a.m.
LD Debate prelims Round I, Number Sense,
Ready Writing computer set-up
8:30 a.m.
Prose (prelims), Poetry (prelims),
Current Issues & Events, Ready Writing
9 a.m.
Calculator Applications,
Computer Applications computer set-up,
LD Debate prelims Round II
10 a.m.
Computer Applications contest,
LD Debate prelims Round III
10:30 a.m.
Copy Editing

SET 2
11 a.m.
Informative (prelims), Persuasive (prelims),
Spelling, Accounting, Science, News Writing
Noon
Feature Writing

SET 3
1:30 p.m.
Poetry finals, Prose finals, LD Debate semi-finals,
Computer Science written test,
Editorial Writing, Social Studies
2:30 p.m.
Headline Writing, Mathematics, LD Debate finals,
Computer Science Programming computer set-up

SET 4
3:30 p.m.
Informative finals, Persuasive finals,
Literary Criticism,
Computer Science programming

2-DAY SCHEDULE

FIRST DAY, SET 1
4 p.m.
Number Sense,
Ready Writing computer set-up,
Current Issues & Events
4:30 p.m.
Prose (prelims), Poetry (prelims),
LD Debate (prelims), Ready Writing
4:45 p.m.
Calculator Applications,
Computer Applications set-up
5:45 p.m.
Computer Applications contest

SECOND DAY, SET 2
8:30 a.m.
Copy Editing (from Set 1)
9 a.m.
Informative (prelims), Persuasive (prelims),
Spelling, Accounting, Science, News Writing
10 a.m.
Feature Writing

SECOND DAY, SET 3
11:30 a.m.
Poetry finals, Prose finals,
LD Debate semi-finals,
Computer Science written test,
Editorial Writing, Social Studies
12:30 p.m.
Headline Writing, Mathematics, LD Debate finals,
Computer Science Programming
computer set-up

SECOND DAY, SET 4
1:30 p.m.
Informative finals, Persuasive finals,
Literary Criticism,
Computer Science Programming

The suggested start time above includes prep and contest time. Events utilizing computers (Computer Applications, Computer Science Programming, Editorial, Feature, News and Ready Writing) must have at least 30 additional minutes earlier than indicated on the chart to set up equipment. Except for journalism events, computer set-up times are suggested on the sample schedule above.