

Academic Conflict Pattern

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

Only the following contests will be held during Set 2. These contests may be scheduled at the same time:

- Accounting
- Informative Speaking
- Persuasive Speaking
- Science
- Spelling & Vocabulary

Only the following contests will be held during Set 3. These contests may be scheduled at the same time:

- Social Studies
- LD finals
- Prose finals
- Poetry finals

Only the following contests will be held during Set 4. These contests may be scheduled at the same time:

- Computer Science (Programming session)
- Informative finals
- Literary Criticism
- Persuasive finals

Each of the above contests conflicts with:

- Calculator Applications
- Number Sense

Each of the above contests conflicts with:

- Feature Writing
- News Writing

Calculator Applications and Number Sense may not be held at the same time.

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

Ready Writing and Copy Editing may not be held at the same time.

Each of the above contests conflicts with:

- Computer Science (Written)
- Editorial Writing
- Headline Writing
- Mathematics

Editorial Writing and Headline Writing may not be held at the same time.

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

If you enter:

Team Debate.....Lincoln Douglas Debate
 Lincoln Douglas Debate.....Team Debate, Prose Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation
 Prose Interpretation.....Lincoln Douglas Debate, Poetry Interpretation
 Poetry Interpretation.....Lincoln Douglas Debate, Prose Interpretation
 Informative Speaking.....Persuasive Speaking
 Persuasive Speaking.....Informative Speaking

You may not enter these contests:

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		SET 1	SET 2	SET 3	SET 4
		3 HOURS	2.5 HOURS	2 HOURS	2.5 HOURS
ACADEMICS	Accounting				
	Current I & E				
	Literary Criticism				
	Ready Writing				
	Social Studies				
	Spelling				
STEM	Calculator App				
	Computer Sci				
	Mathematics				
	Number Sense				
	Science				
JOURNALISM	Copy Editing				
	Editorial				
	Feature				
	Headline				
	News				
SPEECH & DEBATE	Informative				
	Lincoln Douglas				
	Persuasive				
	Poetry				
	Prose				

Prep & Contest

Prelims

Finals

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.

- SET 1**
3 hours

The following events may begin at the same time: Prose, Poetry, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Ready Writing* and Current Issues & Events. Calculator Applications and Number Sense may not be held at the same time. Number Sense conflicts with Current Issues & Events, Ready Writing, Prose Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation and Lincoln Douglas Debate. Ready Writing and Copy Editing may not be scheduled at same time.
- SET 2**
2.5 hours

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.
- SET 3**
2 hours

The following events may be held at the same time: Mathematics, Social Studies, Prose Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation 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.
- SET 4**
2.5 hours

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.

*- Events utilizing computers (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. NOTE: Teams must also have at least 30 additional minutes earlier in the day to set up equipment. The equipment set up may take place at any point during the contest day; all team members are not required to be present for equipment set up.

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Sample District Meet Schedule

2024-2025

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,
LD Debate prelims Round II

10 a.m.

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,

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 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.