



## MEMORANDUM

To: UIL High School Academic Coordinator  
From: Dr. David Stevens, UIL Director of Academics  
Re: 2020-2021 Academic Coordinator Information  
Date: August 2020

The UIL academic staff looks forward to working with you in the year ahead-in whatever format or way that may be possible. Please check our website for current information and forms, but feel free to contact us when you have questions or need assistance. Below is information that will help get the year started.

### HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC COORDINATOR REGISTRATION

Please **register online** ([www.uiltexas.org/academics](http://www.uiltexas.org/academics)) as the high school academic coordinator for your campus. The link is on the right-hand side of the page. This registration includes space for you to list contact emails for each event coach. This must be completed **each year** in order for you to receive important updates. **Please register no later than October 1.** For elementary and middle school academic coordinator registration, dates and deadlines, visit the A+ Academics section of the UIL website. ([www.uiltexas.org/aplus](http://www.uiltexas.org/aplus))

### SPRING MEET ENTRY SYSTEM

Update the coordinator and school information in the Spring Meet Entry System (<http://www.uiltexas.org/academics/spring-meet-entry-system>). Click the link to “Coordinator’s Logon”. If you do not have a UT EID, or if you believe you already have a UT EID and password, but need assistance, please go to “UT EID Self-Service Tools” on the page. The Spring Meet Entry System is where you will later enter your students for district competition.

### COORDINATOR’S MANUAL and EVENT HANDBOOKS

The *Academic Coordinator’s Manual*, updated annually, can be downloaded online. Handbooks for each event are resource guides for contest directors, coaches and contestants. Contest rules and procedures are contained in one easy location for each event. These may be downloaded free of charge from the UIL website (<https://www.uiltexas.org/academics/resources/contest-handbooks-manuals>) and are available now.

### STUDY MATERIALS

UIL provides resources and study manuals, which may be ordered from the UIL online store (<http://store.uiltexas.org>). Most study packets are available in digital format only. You may pay by credit card or your shopping cart can be saved, printed and sent to your business office for PO or payment. Once payment is received, you will be emailed the links to download the materials and/or hard copies will be shipped.

### RULES COMPLIANCE, SAFETY, OR CPR

The online Rules Compliance Program, Safety Training, or CPR are not a UIL requirement for academic coaches or coordinators. Your school district may have requirements beyond what is required by UIL. UIL Academics also does not utilize the RMA (Register My Athlete) online program.

# Recent Changes in UIL Academics

## Student Activities Conferences

2020 SACs will be held in a virtual format. As soon as details are available, information will be posted on the UIL website. (<https://www.uil texas.org/academics/student-activity-conferences>)

## Website Update

- Topics and books are posted for Social Studies and Literary Criticism.
- Word Power can be downloaded from the Spelling and Vocabulary webpage.
- The current approved Science calculator list and physics study text are posted, along with updated notes from Science contest directors on the Science webpage.
- Handbooks and manuals for most contests are updated and posted. Each handbook's link will be live when it is finalized.  
(<https://www.uil texas.org/academics/resources/contest-handbooks-manuals>)

## Lincoln Douglas Debate

- Additional entries are allowed in Lincoln-Douglas Debate at the district level when fewer than eight debaters are entered in the district competition.

## Spelling Dictionary

The only official source for words for HS Spelling is *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition: Fiftieth Anniversary Printing (2018)*.

## One-Act Play

- Directors may list a company of 20 students (no designation between crew or actors) plus four alternates
- Two Best Performers will be awarded, regardless of gender.

## Sunday Rule

UIL member schools may now sponsor students to four Sunday Tournaments.

<https://www.uil texas.org/speech/info/official-interpretation-of-the-sunday-competition-rule>

## Academic Regional Sites

Handbooks and information from the Regional Academic and Speech Meet hosts will be posted on this site, when available (<http://www.uil texas.org/academics/regional>).

# Important Academic Deadlines

**PLEASE CHECK THE OFFICIAL UIL CALENDAR ON THE UIL WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UPDATED INFORMATION FOR DEADLINE AND CONTEST DATES** (<https://www.uiltexas.org/calendar>)

## September 10

Congress Intent to Participate Deadline: <https://www.uiltexas.org/speech/congress>

## OCTOBER 1

- Academic Coordinator Registration (must register every year): [www.uiltexas.org/academics](http://www.uiltexas.org/academics)
- Spring Meet District Chair and District Academic Meet Director Contact Information: <http://www.uiltexas.org/academics/district>
- CX Debate Planning Meeting Deadline: [http://www.uiltexas.org/files/academics/speech/Debate\\_Fall\\_Planning\\_Meeting16\\_17.pdf](http://www.uiltexas.org/files/academics/speech/Debate_Fall_Planning_Meeting16_17.pdf)
- One-Act Play Enrollment: <http://www.uiltexas.org/theatre>
- Speech & Debate Coach Registration (must register every year): <https://www.uiltexas.org/form/speech-coach>

## NOVEMBER 2

- CX Director Information: <https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=68>
- Update School Information in Spring Meet Entry System <http://www.uiltexas.org/academics/spring-meet-entry-system>
- OAP Director's Planning Meeting

## DECEMBER 1

- Set A Invitational Materials Order Deadline: <https://www.uiltexas.org/academics/invitational-meets>
- ILPC Membership Registration: <https://www.uiltexas.org/journalism/ilpc>

## DECEMBER 14

- OAP Scenic Elements and Plays Not on The Approved List Submission Deadline

## JANUARY 8

- Set B Invitational Materials Order Deadline: <https://www.uiltexas.org/academics/invitational-meets>

## JANUARY 20

- Young Filmmakers Festival Entry Deadline

## FEBRUARY 12

- OAP Title Entry Deadline

## FEBRUARY 13

- Theatrical Design Entry Deadline

## FEBRUARY 15

- CX State Judge and Certification Due

## FEBRUARY 17

- Barbara Jordan and Latino History Essay Contest Entry Deadline