MEMORANDUM

To: UIL High School Academic Coordinator
From: Dr. David Stevens, UIL Director of Academics
Re: 2019-2020 Academic Coordinator Information
Date: August 2019

The UIL academic staff looks forward to working with you in the year ahead. 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 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.

SPRING MEET ENTRY SYSTEM
Update the coordinator and school information in the Spring Meet Entry System. Click the link to “Coordinators 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 and are available now.

STUDY MATERIALS
UIL provides resources and study manuals, which may be ordered from the UIL online store. 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.
New for HS UIL Academics in 2019-2020

Website Update
- Topics and books are posted for Social Studies and Literary Criticism.
- WordPower 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.

Spelling Dictionary

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.

Academic Regional Sites
Region Academic and Speech contests will be held April 17-18. One-Act Play may be held April 15-18. Handbooks and information from the host will be posted on this site when available.

AED Use Reporting
UIL member schools shall file a report after an AED is used in conjunction with any UIL event, practice and competition, utilizing the online reporting form available on the UIL website.

TILF Scholarship Information
UIL Academic State Meet competitors, state finalists in CX Debate (2nd day), Congress, Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition, Latino History Essay Competition, Theatrical Design Contest, Young Filmmakers Contest or a participating member of a top 10 team in the Robotics state championships may submit a TILF scholarship application their senior year. Applications may be submitted from March 1 through the deadline posted on the TILF website. (Students competing in speech contests held after the deadline date must apply by the deadline, but may submit placement updates via email.)
- Contact: Trudy Richards, Executive Director, 512-382-0916

UIL Capital Conference
Join us Tuesday & Wednesday, June 23-24, 2020 at the AT&T Conference Center and Hotel. Conference registration and hotel reservations will be available online March 1. A tentative schedule will be posted by April 1.
Important Academic Events and Deadlines

STUDENT ACTIVITIES CONFERENCES

Conferences are free with no registration needed.

- September 7- Tyler Junior College, Tyler
- September 21- Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi
- October 26- The University of Texas at Austin
- November 2- Texas Tech University, Lubbock

September 10
- **Congress Intent to Participate** Deadline

OCTOBER 1
- Academic Coordinator **Registration**
- Spring Meet District Chair and District Academic Meet Director **Contact Information**
- **CX Debate Planning Meeting** Deadline
- One-Act Play **Enrollment** Deadline
- Speech & Debate Coach **Registration**

NOVEMBER 1
- CX Director **Information** Deadline
- Update School Information in **Spring Meet Entry System**
- OAP Director’s Planning Meeting

DECEMBER 1
- Set A Invitational Materials **Order** Deadline
- ILPC Membership **Registration**
- Deadline to set up CX Meets in **Spring Meet Entry System**

DECEMBER 13
- **OAP** Scenic Elements and Plays Not on The Approved List Submission Deadline

JANUARY 10
- Set B Invitational Materials **Order** Deadline

JANUARY 15
- **Young Filmmakers Festival** Entry Deadline

FEBRUARY 8
- **Theatrical Design** Entry Deadline

FEBRUARY 13
- **CX** State Judge and Certification Due

FEBRUARY 14
- **OAP** Title Entry Deadline

FEBRUARY 19
- Barbara Jordan and Latino History **Essay Contest** Entry Deadline
UIL Academic Contest Dates 2019-2020

November 1-15  Congress Region
December 5-7  BEST Robotics State
January 3 - Feb 8  CX Debate District
January 10 - Feb 1  Academic Invitational A Meets
January 13-15  Congress State
February/March  Young Filmmakers State
February 7 - March 14  Academic Invitational B Meets
Mar 16-17 & 20-21  CX Debate State (A-3A) (4A-6A)
March 23-28  Academics District Week & Speech District Week I
March 26  OAP District and Bi-District Certification Deadline
March 30 - April 4  Speech District Week II (no other academic events) and
                     OAP Area
April 2-4  FIRST Robotics State
April 17-18  Academics & Speech Regional
April 15-18  OAP Regional
April 29  Theatrical Design State
April 30-May 2  1A-6A OAP State
May 1-2  Academic State (non-speech events)
May 2-3  ILPC Spring Convention
May 27-28  Speech State
June TBD  ILPC Summer Workshop
June 23-24  UIL Capital Conference, Austin
24th ANNUAL CAPITAL CONFERENCE

for High School, Elementary & Junior High Academic Coordinators
Speech/Debate & Academic Coaches & One-Act Play Directors/Contest Managers

JUNE 23-24, 2020

The University of Texas at Austin
AT&T Conference Center and Hotel

Think of it as coaching school for UIL academics!

Held each summer in Austin, the UIL Capital Conference offers everything a speech coach, theatre director, academic coach or coordinator—high school or elementary or junior high—needs to know, from eligibility rules to setting up a budget to prose and poetry selections to researching the cross-examination debate resolution. Featuring many of the state’s most successful academic coaches as well as UIL state contest directors, the Capital Conference is the most effective way to make certain your contest year is a success!

For more information and registration, go to www.uiltexas.org/academics/capital-conference

2019 STUDENT ACTIVITIES CONFERENCES

for High School students in Academic, Speech/Debate and One-Act Play
held during the fall semester on college campuses

SEPTEMBER 7
Tyler Junior College

SEPTEMBER 21
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

OCTOBER 26
The University of Texas at Austin

NOVEMBER 2
Texas Tech University

★ They’re free! No pre-registration needed!
★ The Conferences begin at 9 a.m. and end by 1:30 p.m. without a lunch break. This allows us greater flexibility in scheduling without sacrificing program quality, and allows schools to return home earlier. Bring along snacks for students who need a sugar or carbo boost around noon.
★ Conferences are scheduled as best as possible to minimize conflicts with national testing dates, band contests and state conventions and to maximize participation by the finest students and teachers in Texas. Pre-registration is not required and there is no fee for attendance.
★ Instructional Sessions are designed for beginning students, advanced students and academic coordinators and coaches. Lectures and demonstrations will be scheduled for all UIL academic contests, including One-Act Play.
★ Conferences feature lectures and presentations by UIL contest directors, college professors and high school teachers. Sessions will include discussions on contest preparation, demonstrations, performances and contest administration. Students may choose from novice and advanced sessions in some academic areas, as well as small-group sessions in specific UIL activities.
★ Bring students! Most sessions are intended to help students begin preparing for high school spring contests. Mark your calendar and plan to attend one or more!
★ Tentative programs for each site will be posted on the UIL web site and programs will be available at each site.

www.uiltexas.org/academics/student-activity-conferences
ILPC, the Texas scholastic press organization, offers a wealth of resources and opportunities for your scholastic media program — for both high school and middle school. From contests to conventions to workshops, ILPC has it all for you and your students.

We encourage you to join, enter the competitions, attend the convention and participate in the summer workshop. Just join. It is simple and quick.

The membership form is on our website at: http://www.uiltexas.org/journalism.

After completing the online forms, you will be able to print an invoice for your bookkeeper.

All contest entry forms and IAA category lists are available on our website at: http://www.uiltexas.org/journalism/ilpc/contests.

If you are new to scholastic journalism or have questions about ILPC, contact Jeanne Acton at 512.232.4924 /jacton@uiltexas.org or check out the website at: http://www.uiltexas.org/journalism/ilpc.

**CONTESTS & CRITIQUES**

ILPC offers critiques for newspapers (both print and online), yearbooks and broadcast programs. Our experienced judges will give you critical feedback for your programs so you can continue to move your students forward. We also have Individual Achievement Award (IAA) contests for each medium. We have more than 20 categories in newspaper and yearbook for individual students to compete. The categories range from writing to photography to design. We have more than 10 IAA categories for broadcast. We even have a rookie IAA category for schools that have not participated in ILPC for the past three years.

All winners from our IAA contests are announced at the ILPC Spring Convention. Additionally, we have a contest for the leaders in your programs and for advisers.

The deadline for the yearbook contest is Dec. 1. The deadline for newspaper and broadcasts contests is Feb. 15.

**SPRING CONVENTION MAY 2-3, 2020**

Each spring ILPC hosts a convention where we announce winners from our contests and offer more than 75 break-out sessions for students and advisers. Our presenters range from Pulitzer-Prize winning photographers to award-winning advisers to college professors. Our presentations cover a plethora of topics relating to all forms of media — from "What Skills you Need in the Real World" to "How to Improve Your Feature Leads."

The two-day event is held in conjunction with the UIL State Academic Meet and is a great way to end your school year. In addition to the speakers and award presentations, ILPC also offers an on-site contest for students who want one more competition.

The convention is held on the University of Texas campus.

**SUMMER WORKSHOP JUNE 2019**

Since 1980, ILPC summer publications workshops have set the standards for excellence. Our reputation as a workshop that stresses “work” is unequaled, and staffs that are serious about producing high-quality media return each year. For three days, students and advisers participate in an intensive learning environment, headed by many of the nation’s finest journalism instructors. These instructors are dedicated to one goal: helping others create the finest school newspapers and yearbooks possible. Students and advisers alike return to school in August ready to tackle their jobs, whether they’re beginning reporters or veteran advisers.

We offer classes in social media, video, various newspaper and yearbook strands, photography and design. Students reside in UT dorms and experience the university — cafeteria food and all.

Do the Write Thing. Join Today.

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**Interscholastic League Press Conference**