



MEMORANDUM

To: UIL High School Academic Coordinator
From: Dr. David Stevens, UIL Director of Academics
Re: 2018-2019 Academic Coordinator Information
Date: August 2018

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.

ACADEMIC COORDINATOR REGISTRATION

Please **register online** (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))

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 “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 **2018-2019 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.

PROFESSIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Please have a signed and notarized **Professional Acknowledgement Form** on file for each of your academic coaches. It is not necessary to fill out this form annually, as long as it remains on file. The form is located on the UIL website (<http://www.uiltexas.org/academics/resources/forms>). The online Rules Compliance Program, Safety Training, or CPR are not a UIL requirement for academic coaches or coordinators. Your school district may have other requirements.



New for UIL Academics in 2018-2019

UIL Constitution and Contest Rules Revisions

Copy Editing and Robotics have been added as sanctioned events and will earn sweepstakes point as detailed in Section 902.

Conflict Pattern

Copy Editing has been added to the Conflict Pattern. Please note that Copy Editing will conflict with Computer Applications, LD Debate, Poetry and Prose. The conflict pattern is enforced at Region and State. Students will not be allowed to compete in conflicting events, even if the schedule allows.

(http://www.uiltexas.org/files/academics/2018-2019_Academic_Conflict_Pattern7-26)

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. Updated notes from Science contest directors will be posted in the near future.
- Handbooks and manuals for all contests are updated and posted

(<https://www.uiltexas.org/academics/resources/contest-handbooks-manuals>)

Academic Regional Sites

Region Academic and Speech contests will be held April 12-13. One-Act Play may be held April 12-13 & 15-16. Handbooks and information from the host will be posted on this site, when available

(<http://www.uiltexas.org/academics/regional>).

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 May 10, 2019. (Students competing in speech contests held after the deadline date must apply by May 10, but may submit placement updates via email through May 31, 2019.)

- TILF website: www.tilfoundation.org
- Contact: Trudy Richards, Executive Director
- trichards@tilfoundation.org, 512-382-0916

UIL Capital Conference

Join us **Tuesday & Wednesday**, June 25-26, 2019 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 (<http://www.uiltexas.org/academics/capital-conference>).

Important Academic Events and Deadlines

STUDENT ACTIVITIES CONFERENCES

<http://www.uiltexas.org/academics/student-activity-conferences>

- SEPT. 8 West Texas A&M University, Canyon
- SEPT. 15 University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg
- SEPT. 22 University of Texas, Arlington
- OCT. 27 University of Texas, Austin



September 10

- Congress Intent to Participate Deadline:
<https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=422318>

OCTOBER 1

- Academic Coordinator Registration: 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
- 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 1

- 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 Deadline

DECEMBER 1

- Set A Invitational Materials Order Deadline: <http://store.uiltexas.org/high-school-invitational-meet-material/>
- ILPC Membership Registration: <https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=345214>

DECEMBER 14

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

JANUARY 10

- Young Filmmakers Festival Entry Deadline
- Set B Invitational Materials Order Deadline: <http://store.uiltexas.org/high-school-invitational-meet-material/>

FEBRUARY 7

- Theatrical Design Entry Deadline

FEBRUARY 14

- OAP Title Entry Deadline

FEBRUARY 20

- Barbara Jordan and Latino History Essay Contest Entry Deadline

UIL Academic Contest Dates 2018-2019



November 1-15	Congress Region
November 29 - Dec 1	BEST Robotics State
January 2 - Feb 9	CX Debate District
January 11 - Feb 9	Academic Invitational A Meets
January 7-9	Congress State
February/March	Young Filmmakers State
February 15 - March 16	Academic Invitational B Meets
Mar 18-19 & 22-23	CX Debate State (A-3A) (4A-6A)
March 25-30	Academics District Week & Speech District Week I
March 28	OAP District and Bi-District Certification Deadline
April 1 - April 6	Speech District Week II (no other academic events) and OAP Area
April 4-6	<i>FIRST</i> Robotics State
April 12-13	Academics & Speech Regional
April 12-13 & 15-16	OAP Regional
April 23-25	4A, 5A, 6A OAP State
April 26	Theatrical Design State
May 2-4	1A, 2A, 3A OAP State
May 2-4	Academic State (non-speech events)
May 4-5	ILPC Spring Convention
May 29-30	Speech State
June TBD	ILPC Summer Workshop
June 25-26	UIL Capital Conference, Austin



23rd ANNUAL CAPITAL CONFERENCE

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019

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

Think of it as a coaching school for UIL academics!

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

For more information, visit

www.uiltexas.org/academics/capital-conference

2018 STUDENT ACTIVITIES CONFERENCES

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

SEPTEMBER 8

West Texas A&M University-Canyon

SEPTEMBER 15

University of Texas Rio Grande
Valley-Edinburg

SEPTEMBER 22

University of Texas at Arlington

OCTOBER 27

University of Texas at Austin



★ 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.

★ 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 of these free conferences.

★ 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.

★ 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.

★ Tentative programs for each site will be posted on the UIL web site, and final 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>.



Interscholastic League Press Conference

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 a contest just for advisers.

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



SPRING CONVENTION MAY 4-5 2019

Each spring ILPC hosts a convention where we announce winners from our contests and offer more than 100 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 unequalled, 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.