



# 2024 UIL Academic State Meet

Information for Contestants and Coaches

## Calculator Applications

### Things You Should Know From:

David Bourell, UIL State Calculator Applications Contest Director

### **Coaches' Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 5 PM, WEL 1.316**

Coaches are encouraged to attend this meeting. Seating assignments will be available at this meeting and prior to the contest.

### **Contest: Wednesday, May 15, 9 AM, UTC 2.102A**

- Doors open at **8:30 AM**
- Coaches will need to check their contestant(s) in and have them in their assigned seat prior to **8:45 AM**.
- All contestants must wear their nametag. The nametags must be visible prior to beginning the test and during the test.
- There is no calculator clearing or cleared calculator verification prior to the start of the contest.
- The test will begin at **9:00 AM**.
- Verification and the awards ceremony will be at **1:30 PM WEL 2.224**.

### **Test Proofing and Grading**

The contest will be proofed and graded by coaches of winning teams (including wildcard teams) during and after the actual contest, and grading will **NOT** be open to all coaches present. The answer key will be fixed prior to grading tests and will not be contestable at verification. Verification will take place immediately before the awards ceremony.

Coaches of the regional team champions and the coaches of the regional wild card teams will be needed to proof the state test (while the contestants are testing) and grade the tests.

**Note:** You must be a full-time employee of the school district.

You must be listed as the team's coach.

You must be willing to stay in the proofing/grading room until all grading is complete.

If you are one of the 24 regional team championship coaches or one of the 6 regional wild card team coaches, please email me the following information:

Calculator Applications Contest Regional Team Champion \_\_\_\_\_ Wild Card Team \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Classification \_\_\_\_\_ Region # \_\_\_\_\_

I will \_\_\_\_\_ will not \_\_\_\_\_ be able to help proof and grade the test.

I will send you a reply confirming that I received your email. If you do not receive an email back from me then I did not receive your email. Unconfirmed coaches will be replaced at the coaches' meeting. Email me at [dbourell@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:dbourell@mail.utexas.edu).

### **Seating Charts, iPods, Smart Phones**

Seating charts with schedules will be provided online.

iPods and similar listening devices will not be allowed.

Smart phone and similar multifunction technology may not be used during the contest, including the clock and stopwatch features.

### **Calling for Alternates**

Dr. Bourell will call for alternates according to the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules*. If needed, this will take place at approximately 5 minutes before the contest begins. He will announce earlier if all contestants are present and alternates may be excused.

### **Test Proofing and Grading – WEL 1.308 (9:15 AM – 12:30 PM); Closed Session**

The general method used in Number Sense and Mathematics Contests will be followed. There will be about 30 coaches who constitute the proofers/graders with a region and conference spread. The right of first refusal goes to coaches of teams, winning and wild card, that advance to state. Right of second refusal goes to the coaches of individual winners by place. If needed, Dr. Bourell will take a volunteer coach from the vacant region/conference.

This group will work the contest while the actual contest is taking place. Immediately after the contest, Dr. Bourell will meet the graders, and we will discuss any potential answer key errors. The answer key will then be considered to be final and indisputable.

All tests will be triple graded. All ties will be broken according to the Contest Rules.

### **Answer Legibility**

Any grader may elect to apply the legibility rule to any number judged to be unclear. The procedure is to tear a small hole in a sheet of paper the size of the digit in question, to cover the contest page exposing only the digit in question and to ask three graders to call the digit. Graders must give a digit response. If two or all three agree on a digit, then that is the digit for grading purposes. If all three disagree on the digit, the number will be judged illegible, and the problem will be counted incorrect based on illegibility. Numbers subjected to the legibility criterion will be noted as such on the contest page. Dr. Bourell will be the sole and final arbiter on legibility of all other parts of the answer (decimal point, "x10", sign) and will have oversight responsibility for the entire legibility process.

### **Ties**

After exercising the tie-breaking procedure as described in the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules*, if there is a two-way tie for 1st, there will be two medals awarded. In that case, there will be no second place awarded and the medal will be returned to the UIL.

### **Verification and Unofficial Announcing of Scores**

Once all tests have been graded and all ties broken, doors to the grading room will be opened, and all interested parties will be invited in. Dr. Bourell will announce the unofficial individual scores by student number. Rankings will not be given at this time.

From UIL State Office: Please complete the Coach Information Form [here](#).

***Congratulations on advancing to State!***