

Preface

The University Interscholastic League was created by the University of Texas at Austin to provide leadership and guidance to public schools for the purpose of organizing and properly supervising athletic and academic competition. The League aims to provide healthy, character building education activities for Texas students.

Because state lawmakers wanted more Texas students to advance to post-secondary education, the 79th Texas Legislature, Third Called Special Session, passed House Bill 1, the "Advancement of College Readiness in Curriculum," seeking to increase the number of students who are college ready when they graduate high school. The legislation required the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to develop College Readiness Standards (CRS) in such areas as English/language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. These standards specify what students must know and be able to do to succeed in entry-level courses at post-secondary institutions of higher learning.

The Correlation of Texas College Readiness Standards to UIL High School Academic Events is intended to provide educators and the public with a better understanding of the value of academic contest participation. UIL wishes to demonstrate how the contests help students develop the same knowledge and skills necessary to be successful beyond high school as the proficiencies showcased in the Coordinating Board College Readiness Standards. While high school courses are designed to provide core literacy, UIL contest events require students to use content knowledge to analyze and evaluate important issues and questions in a field of study, just like what is expected in college courses. The contests help students develop a foundation that can empower them to successfully pursue a variety of college majors. Overall, the UIL academic events expand content knowledge and encourage students to engage in deeper levels of thinking.

The College Readiness/UIL event correlation will be posted on the UIL website. You can link to this site at

www.uil.utexas.edu/academics