

# GRAYSON COLLEGE



## 2024 REGION II-2A ACADEMIC HANDBOOK



## **Grayson College**

Grayson College is in the heart of Grayson County and provides a vital link for higher education. GC's central location makes it easy for high school graduates to obtain an affordable education right here at home, or for adults to begin or continue a college-bound track and/or meet professional licensing requirements. The College also provides a variety of cultural and recreational opportunities for its students and the community.

The Main Campus and West Extension are located midway between Sherman and Denison on Highway 691, and the South Campus is located in Van Alstyne. **(Note: All UIL Regional events will take place on the Main Campus in Denison, 6101 Grayson Drive, Denison, TX 75020.)** The comprehensive college offers a multitude of academic and technical programs to approximately 5,000 students annually. Grayson's reputation is highly respected by surrounding universities and industries as an excellent source of quality graduates who bring specialized, skilled and much-needed talents to the workplace.



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## **Academic Entries** **(Should be certified through the UIL online system)**

### **FEES**

In order to expedite the payment process for the Region II-2A Academic Meet, the Regional Director has authorized the following flat rate fee schedule:

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| <b>Academic Entry Fee per Academic District</b> (NOT ISD) | \$3000.00 due 03/25/2024 |
| <b>OAP Entry Fee</b> (per school)                         | \$1000.00 due 04/24/2024 |

### **Payment Requirements**

- Collection and submission of fees is the responsibility of the Region II-2A District Spring Meet Chair(s) for each district represented.
- Payments are due by March 25, 2024.
- Remit payment and District Payment Form (page 13 of this handbook) to:

Grayson College  
Attn: Ilene Walton  
1455 W. Van Alstyne Parkway  
Van Alstyne, TX 75495

A list of absent contestants will be reported to the state UIL Office from each academic event. **It is extremely important that you notify the regional director in advance if a contestant will be unable to attend the regional competition.** All Academic questions should be directed to Ilene Walton.

### **Contact Information**

Ilene Walton, UIL Regional Site Director  
(903) 415-2646  
waltoni@grayson.edu



## **General Information**

**Pickup Station** – Judges and contest directors will sign in and pick up contest materials on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Life Center outside Headquarters/Tab Room.

**Academic UIL Headquarters/Tab Room** – Located in the Grayson College Life Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the Activities Conference Room. NO VISITORS IN TAB ROOM.

**Holding Area** – Between events students are welcome to relax in the Life Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor or downstairs in the community room across from the cafeteria. Students seeking a quieter place to study or prep for contest(s) are welcome to utilize the Library next to the Life Center.

**Lunch** – The GC Cafeteria will offer lunches (buffet, salad and deli bar that includes soup or salad, dessert or fruit and a drink) for \$6.50 per person. See page 8 of this handbook for a list of additional food options in our area.

**Hospitality Room** – A hospitality room will be in the Viking Room, which is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Life Center, across from the Headquarters Room. The hospitality room is for coaches, judges, and contest workers only.

**Parking** – School buses should park in the remote lots located on the east side of the campus. (P8) Please see the campus map for details.

<https://maps.grayson.edu/?id=1913#!m/551742?s/>

### **Participant Requirements:**

- Designated administrators or qualified representative(s) of each school are responsible for knowing the dates for the meet and the scheduled time for each contest or event. Events will start exactly at posted time. Roll call will be taken for each contest or event. Participants will **NOT** be allowed to enter the contest after the contest has begun.
- Each school must follow the **Academic Contest Ethics Code** as outlined in this handbook and the **Constitution and Contest Rules of the University Interscholastic League**, which encourages all participants to compete in all contests in the spirit of fairness, good sportsmanship, and high ethics.
- Participants should accept the decision of the officials or judges, treat the officials with respect, treat their opponents as guests and should put sportsmanship above victory. Violation of the code may result in probation, disqualification or suspension of participants and/or schools.
- Writing Events: Participants are responsible for bringing their own computer equipment.



## **Awards Information**

### **Contest Results and Medals:**

The results of the academic contests will be posted just outside the UIL Headquarters in the Life Center, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, as well as virtually via a link on the Grayson homepage.

Participants, coaches, and other school officials are urged to attend all verification periods. After the final results are posted, the participant or a school representative may pick up the awards and documents outside the Headquarters Room, located in the Life Center. Please ask judges to remain in the room during verification periods. Verifications will take place in the Veteran's Hub (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Life Center) immediately following grading.

All individual winner medals will be awarded following EACH event at the UIL Headquarters in the Life Center once the scores have been verified and declared official. If medals are not picked up at the award presentation, please wait until the end of the day for all remaining pickups. All remaining materials will be filed by district. The regional meet director is not responsible for contacting participants who fail to pick up their medals/awards/contest documents. If you would like your contest materials to be mailed to you, please bring self-addressed envelopes/boxes with prepaid postage.

## **UIL State Meet Information**

Information regarding this year's UIL Academic State Meet is posted on the UIL website, <https://www.uiltexas.org/academics/state>. Information packets will not be mailed to schools or handed out during the regional meet verification meetings or awards ceremonies.

*Note:* Each contest package does include information cards for each student winner. Coaches and participants must go to the UIL website for tentative schedules, a University of Texas campus map and parking information.



**ACADEMIC CONTEST ETHICS CODE**  
**(Section 901 (a) of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules*)**

The Academic Contest ethics code shall carry the force of rule. Member school districts, member schools and/or covered school district personnel who violate any of the provisions of this code shall be subject to penalty.

- (1) Participate in contests in the spirit of fairness and sportsmanship, observing all rules – both in letter and in spirit.
- (2) Sponsor and advise individuals and teams without resorting to unethical tactics, trickery that attempts to skirt the rules, or any other unfair tactic that detracts from sound educational principles.
- (3) Accept decisions of officials and judges without protest and extend protection and courtesy to officials.
- (4) Regard opponents as guests or hosts while placing personal and/or team integrity above victory at any cost. Maintain grace and poise in victory or defeat. Conduct that berates, intimidates, or threatens competitors has no place in interscholastic activities.
- (5) Provide information or evidence regarding eligibility of any contestant or school to local school administrators or to the appropriate judicial bodies upon request.
- (6) Understand and appreciate the educational values of competition and abstain from modifying or soliciting another teacher to modify grades for eligibility purposes, knowing that such behavior defeats the character-building purposes of extracurricular competition.
- (7) Abstain from any practice that makes a student feel pressured to participate in non-school activities.
- (8) At all times, ensure that competition is relative to a more important overall educational effort, using competition as a tool in the preparation of students for citizenship and successful adulthood.
- (9) Insure that UIL Academic district, regional and state meets receive precedence over non-qualifying contests or meets.
- (10) School districts shall notify the academic district or regional meet director no later than the end of the second school day following academic district or regional competition if a student or a team knows that it will not compete at the next higher academic meet.



## **DENISON DINING**

### **Restaurants**

The Rig Grill  
Cotton Patch  
Jalapeno Tree  
Lettuce Indulge  
CJ's Coffee  
Huck's Catfish  
Kent's Tex/Mex  
Girasole's  
Culver's  
Lettuce Indulge

### **Fast Food**

Starbucks  
IHOP  
Braums  
Burger King  
Schlotzkys  
Arbys  
McDonalds  
Sonic  
Taco Bell  
Subway (in Walmart)

## **SHERMAN DINING**

### **Restaurants**

Chili's  
The Rib Crib  
Cracker Barrel  
Olive Garden  
Texas Roadhouse  
Cheddars  
Red Lobster  
Catrina's Mexican  
MG's  
City Limits  
Camino Vejeo  
The Old Iron Post  
Sage Café  
La Mesa

### **Fast Food**

Wendys  
Firehouse Subs  
KFC/Taco Bell  
Panda Express  
Panera Bread  
Buffalo Wild Wings  
Mooyah  
Sonic  
Chick-Fil-A  
Braums  
Whataburger  
Taco Cabana  
Jimmy Johns  
McAllister's  
Wing Stop  
Raising Cane's





## **LODGING**

### **DENISON**

Hilton Garden Inn  
5015 S US Hwy 75  
Denison, TX 75020  
(855) 470-1527

Best Western Plus  
810 N US Hwy 75  
Denison, TX 75020  
(903) 327-8883

Hampton Inn  
3415 Ansley Blvd.  
Denison, TX 75020  
(903) 464-9010

Comfort Inn & Suites  
715 N Point Look Out Drive  
Denison, TX 75020  
(903) 462-4097

### **SHERMAN**

Quality Suites of Sherman  
2900 N US Hwy 75  
Sherman, TX 75090  
(903) 893-0499

Comfort Inn  
2904 Michelle  
Sherman, TX 75090  
(903) 893-9333

Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
2909 Michelle Drive  
Sherman, TX 75090  
(903) 892-3300

LaQuinta Inn & Suites  
2912 S U.S. Hwy 75  
Sherman, TX 75090  
(903) 870-1122



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### ACADEMIC EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, April 26, 2024

#### EVENT

#### LOCATION

##### Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Check In  
Round # 1  
Round # 2  
Round # 3  
Quarter-finals  
Semi-finals  
Finals

##### Contest Director: Pam Lockridge

7:30 a.m.  
8:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m.  
2:00 p.m.  
3:30 p.m.

SS Building-Math Hub  
SC, LA & CIS Lecture  
SC, LA & CIS Lecture  
SC, LA & CIS Lecture  
LA & CIS Lecture  
LA & CIS Lecture

##### Extemporaneous Speaking

Roll Call/Draw  
Preliminaries  
Finals Draw  
Finals

##### Contest Director: Pam Lockridge

11:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.  
3:00 p.m.  
3:30 p.m.

SC, LA & CIS Lecture  
SC, LA & CIS Lecture  
LA & CIS Lecture  
LA & CIS Lecture

##### Prose & Poetry Interpretation

Roll Call  
Preliminaries-Prose  
Preliminaries-Poetry  
Finals

##### Contest Director: Pam Lockridge

7:15 a.m.  
8:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m.

SC, LA & CIS Lecture  
SC, LA & CIS Lecture  
SC, LA & CIS Lecture  
LA & CIS Lecture

##### Journalism

Ready Writing  
Copy Edit (New Event)  
News Writing  
Feature Writing  
Editorial Writing  
Headline Writing  
\*Grading (ALL)

##### Contest Director: Carol Cox

8:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
12:00 p.m.  
1:30 p.m.  
2:30 p.m.

Library - Computer Lab  
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Library - Computer Lab  
Library - Computer Lab  
Library - Computer Lab  
Library - Computer Lab  
Library - Multipurpose Room

##### Computer Science

Written Test  
Programming

##### Contest Director: David James

1:30 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.

CWL Auditorium  
CWL Auditorium

##### Literary Criticism

Contest  
Grading

##### Contest Director: Kathy Harper

3:30 p.m.

HS-Irma Blackburn Auditorium  
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#### Location Legend:

SS building = Student Success Center SC = Science LA = Liberal Arts

CIS = Center for Interdisciplinary Studies CWL = Center for Workplace Learning HS = Health Science



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### ACADEMIC EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 27, 2024

#### EVENT

##### Accounting

Contest  
Grading

**Contest Director: Sherry Livingston**

11:00 a.m.

#### LOCATION

HS-312  
HS-314

##### Calculator Applications

Contest  
Grading

**Contest Director: Billye Cheek**

9:00 a.m.

CWL AUDITORIUM  
CWL Seminar Room C

##### Computer Applications

Set-up  
Contest  
Grading

**Contest Director: Dayna Ford**

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Library - Computer Lab  
Library - Computer Lab  
Library - Multipurpose Room

##### Current Events

Contest  
Grading

**Contest Director: Ashley Branch**

8:00 a.m.

HS-Irma Blackburn Auditorium  
CWL Seminar Room B

##### Mathematics

Contest  
Grading

**Contest Director: Billye Cheek**

2:30 p.m.

CWL AUDITORIUM  
CWL Seminar Room C

##### Number Sense

Contest  
Grading

**Contest Director: Billye Cheek**

8:00 a.m.

CWL AUDITORIUM  
CWL Seminar Room C

##### Science

Contest  
Grading

**Contest Director: Crystal Crow**

11:00 a.m.

CWL AUDITORIUM  
CWL Seminar Room C

##### Social Studies

Contest  
Grading

**Contest Director: Ashley Branch**

1:30 p.m.

HS-Irma Blackburn Auditorium  
CWL Seminar Room B

##### Spelling

Contest  
Grading

**Contest Director/Pronouncer: Melissa Atchison**

11:00 a.m.

HS-Irma Blackburn Auditorium  
CWL Seminar Room B

### ONE-ACT PLAY

Wednesday & Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 2024

Cruce–Stark Auditorium

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Studies CWL = Center for Workplace Learning HS = Health Science



## **Speech Events General Instructions and Information**

- Lincoln-Douglas Debate: All LD events will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024.
- All judges for Lincoln Douglas will be provided by Grayson College.
- Prose, Poetry, Informative and Persuasive: All judges for Prose, Poetry, Informative and Persuasive speaking will be provided by Grayson College.
- Timekeepers for all events will be provided by Grayson College.
- All judges are required to stay until all ranks have been verified.
- Extemporaneous Draw location is TBD.
- Contest Directors can find event handbooks on the UIL website and are downloadable at via the UIL website  
<http://www.uil texas.org/academics/resources/contest-handbooks-manuals>





## **District Payment Form**

**All payments are due by March 25, 2024.  
This form must be submitted with payment.  
Please make checks payable to Grayson College.**

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of District Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Point of Contact Attending Event (if not District Director):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of Schools:**

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**Academic Regional Fee:**

**\$3000.00 per district payable to Grayson College**

**Please mail payments to:**

Grayson College  
Attn: Ilene Walton  
1455 W. Van Alstyne Parkway  
Van Alstyne, TX 75495

**For questions or concerns please contact:**

Ilene Walton  
[waltoni@grayson.edu](mailto:waltoni@grayson.edu)  
(903) 415-2646



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# UIL T-SHIRTS

Special UIL 2024 t-shirts will be available for purchase at the event! T-shirts can be purchased for \$10 each but there will be limited quantities so availability will be first-come, first-served. Please help us determine quantities by letting us know how many people are in your attending group and what t-shirt sizes they prefer; this information may be emailed to Tammi Ross at: [rosst@grayson.edu](mailto:rosst@grayson.edu)



**JUST  
\$10**



Purchase in-person during the event, cash only. Final design may vary slightly.