

Region IV 4A Academic Information 2021

Region IV 4A will employ a localized/virtual option for all events this year. Should you have any questions please contact the Regional contact – Noah Recker – noah.recker@lvisd.org.

ACADEMIC COORDINATORS: Please email Noah Recker as soon as possible to provide an email address on where to send the tests for the localized testing option!

All events will need to be administered in window of time for that event. Testing and writing events occurring on that day will be emailed out to UIL coordinators the night before. **TEST SECURITY AND INTEGRITY IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE. DO NOT POST ANY TEST QUESTIONS OR SCANS OF TESTS. ADDITIONALLY TESTS MAY NOT BE DISCUSSED AS OTHER REGIONS ARE RUNNING ON DIFFERENT SCHEDULES.** Tests may NOT be taken at home. All tests are to be monitored by school personnel preferably not the coach of the event. We understand this may not be possible with computer science programming and computer applications.

Journalism and essays for contests will be sent to independent graders not affiliated with the region.

UPDATE 4-1 – PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ONLY CONTESTS THAT WILL BE IN-PERSON ARE COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAMMING AND COMPUTER APPLICATIONS. These contests will be held at Corpus Christi Calallen High School. Both contests will occur on Saturday April 17th.

Schedule:

Tuesday 4-13

4:30pm – Prose/Poetry Prelims

7:00pm – Prose/Poetry Finals

(Please email documentation to Noah Recker at noah.recker@lvisd.org)

Thursday 4-15

5:00pm – Tests sent to Academic Coordinators (Copy as needed for students on campus)

Friday 4-16

9:00am-10:30am – Current Issues

9:00am-11:30am – Ready Writing

9:00am-9:30am – Number Sense

10:00am-11:00am – Calculator

11:30am-12:00pm – Copy Editing

12:00pm-1:30pm – Accounting

12:00pm-2:00pm – Spelling
12:00pm-2:30pm – Science
12:00pm-1:00pm – News Writing
1:00pm-2:30pm – Feature Writing
2:30pm-3:30pm – Editorial Writing
2:30pm-4:00pm – Social Studies
2:30pm-3:30pm – Computer Science Written
3:30pm-4:30pm – Mathematics
3:30-4:30pm – Headline Writing
4:30pm-6:30pm – Literary Criticism
4:30pm – LD Round 1 (preset)
5:30pm – LD Round 2 (preset)
7:15pm – LD Round 3 (power-matched)
7:15pm – Deadline to Submit Tests back to Region Chair (noah.recker@lvisd.org)

Saturday 4-17

9:00am – LD Quarterfinals
10:30am – Extemp Draw Prelims
11:00am – Extemp Prelims
12:30pm – LD Semis
1:45pm – LD Finals
2:45pm – Extemp Draw Finals
3:15pm – Extemp Finals

In-Person Contests

Saturday 4-17

10:00am – Computer Science Programming
1:30pm – Computer Applications Setup (contest will start immediately after setup)

Event specific details.

Computer Science Programming

You will receive special instructions from a lead manager on how to conduct this contest locally. Scoring will be reported to the manager and then the manager will report those scores to Noah Recker. Event will be in person at Calallen High School. Please bring your own extension cords and powerstrips.

Computer Applications

You will receive special instructions from a lead manager on how to help with grading for this contest. Event will be in person at Calallen High School. Please bring your own extension cords and powerstrips.

Testing Events

Testing events will be graded by a localized committee on Saturday. This group will represent several schools and districts in the region.

Spelling

Please utilize the audio file that UIL will be sending to administer this contest.

Speech and Debate Events

Speech and debate events will utilize speechwire.com for balloting purposes and will use classrooms.cloud for the video platform. Special instructions on how to access these rooms will be sent before the contest. **IF YOU HAVE STUDENTS THAT WILL BE COMPETING FROM SCHOOL, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR SCHOOL UNBLOCKS ZOOM AS THIS IS THE PLATFORM THAT CLASSROOMS.CLOUD UTILIZES.**

As contests are completed, scores will be input into the UIL system and made public. Please do not send emails about when specific events will be released. All grading will be done on Saturday. Awards will be mailed the following week.

Districts are expected to pay regional fees before the contest. Please make sure that payment is sent promptly to La Vernia ISD.

Below you will find a detailed invoice.

Region IV 4A Academic Bill

19 – Prose/Poetry Judges @ \$100 = \$1,900
20 – LD/Extemp Judges @ \$250 = \$5,000
3 – Journalism Scorers @ \$500 = \$1,500
3 – Essay Graders (SS,CIE, LC) @ \$200 = \$600
13 – Virtual Classrooms @ \$45 = \$585
1 – Speechwire Balloting Software @ \$140 = \$140
1 – Shipping Awards @ \$800 = \$800
1 – Awards @ \$2,500 = \$2,500
1 – Contest Manager (CS, CA) @ \$300 = \$300

Total = \$13,325

Total divided by 8 for each district = \$1,665.63

Please remit \$1,665.63 to

La Vernia High School
225 Bluebonnet
La Vernia, TX 78121

Instructions for speech coaches:

Registration for speech contests will be on speechwire.com.

Instructions for registration:

1. Go to speechwire.com
2. Create an account for your school or login if you already have an account
3. Click on tournament registration
4. Select view open tournaments
5. Find "UIL Region IV – 4A on the tournament list
6. Click Register
7. You will first see an icon that says "Will Your Team Attend"
8. Click the icon and select yes
9. Next click on the add entries or update entries icon
10. Add your entries based on the speech events you qualified in
11. Click update entries
12. You are done – all judges are hired for regionals

On the days of the speech meets the video platform you will use is virtual.txfa.org

If you have used this platform before please make sure that you logout before attempting to access the rooms. The schematic for the tournament will be on [speechwire](http://speechwire.com). This is how you know what room to go to.

Before the meet you will be sent a generic username and login along with a passcode.

This is what you will use to access the tournament.