## Texas University Interscholastic League

## **Contest Event: Computer Applications**

The contest focuses on word processing speed and accuracy, computer skills in database and spreadsheet, and integration of applications. Skills tested include formatting copy, mail merge, headers/footers, editing, proofreading, spreadsheet, graphs/charts, and integration of all applications.

The Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills are categorized by course area and grade level. The following are course area abbreviations used for the TEKS in Computer Applications:

English Language Arts and Reading = ELAR 1-4 Business Education = BEd Technology Education = TechEd Marketing Education = MktEd Technology Applications = TechAp Career Orientation = CO

Each TEKS begins with the outline number for the appropriate course area.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills	Contest Knowledge and Skills
Word Processing Knowledge and Skills:	Word Processing Knowledge and Skills:
(110.62)(2)(E) Use computer technologies to record, locate, analyze, present, and exchange	-Keyboard speed and accuracy skills.
information. (TechAp 123.47) (6)(D) Use a variety of computer resources to complete a project. (TechAp 123.47)	-Knowledge of forms and parts of business document formats.
<ul> <li>(15)(A) Prepare technical reports and presentations. (TechAp 123.47)</li> <li>(4)(C) Deliver an effective business presentation, for example, sales, reports, and proposals. (BEd 120.22)</li> </ul>	-Skill in the use of Word processing features and functions, including, but not limited to headers/footers, mail merge, outlines, tables, and the import/export of files and reports.
<ul> <li>(4)(G), (7)(A) Follow oral and written directions.</li> <li>(BEd 120.22,42)</li> <li>(6)(A) Format business documents.</li> <li>(E) Produce a business report containing text and</li> </ul>	-Editing and proofreading skills, including, but not limited to, knowledge of proofreaders' marks and correct formatting.
(2) Produce a business report containing text and graphics. (BEd 120.22) (3)(A) Identify customary styles of business documents.	-Formatting skills including but not limited to styles, templates, fonts, and justification.
<ul> <li>(B) Improve the touch-system skill using the keyboard and keypad to input data.</li> <li>(F) Produce business documents, including business letters, business reports, integrating charts, and graphics. (BEd 120.23)</li> <li>(7)(A), (1)(A) The student is expected to</li> </ul>	-Knowledge of the parts of a document including, but not limited to, titles, subtitles, paragraphs, page numbers, insertion of iconic and foreign language symbols, and proper use and formatting of footnotes.
demonstrate correct posture and position at the keyboard. (BEd 120.24,26)	-Use and creation of document templates.
(7)(C), (1)(C) Demonstrate the correct touch- system techniques for operating alphabetic keys.	-Use and creation of custom help files.
(BEd 120.24,26) (7)(D), (1)(D) Demonstrate the correct touch- system techniques for operating numeric and	-Use of correct terminology related to word processing.
symbol keys. (BEd 120.24,26) (7)(E), (1)(E) Demonstrate the correct touch- system techniques for operating the ten-key	-Knowledge of and skill using spell checking and grammar checking features.
numeric pad. (BEd 120.24,26) (7)(F), (1)(F) Demonstrate the correct use of the	-Importation of charts, tables, and graphs into a word processing program and with the ability to

command and function keys. (BEd 120.24,26)	modify these.
(11)(A) Produce business documents using word	
processing.	-Linkage of elements created with a word
(B) Correct and print a business document.	processor into charts and graphs.
(C) Produce a business report containing text and	
graphics. (BEd 120.24)	-Knowledge and skill with importing tables or
(2)(E) Format personal and business letters and	reports from database applications into a word processing program.
envelopes.	
(F) Format all pages of a report, including a title	Creation of address healt antrias
page, a reference page, and bibliography.	-Creation of address book entries.
(H) Demonstrate mastery of basic grammar,	-Skill of tracking changes in a document.
including use of punctuation marks, keying of	
numbers and symbols, and capitalization when	
composing. (BEd 120.26) (3)(D) Apply speed and accuracy in production of	
documents. (BEd 120.26)	
(3)(C), (7)(G) Demonstrate ability to operate	
numeric key pad by touch. (BEd 120.27,42)	
(4)(C) Manipulate text, graphics, and other	
electronic images for business document	
production. (BEd 120.44)	
(1)(A) Interpret and follow directions to produce	
documents. (BEd 120.49)	
(1)(C) Identify and apply correct format for	
business correspondence and documents. (BEd	
120.49	
(2)(B) Improve techniques, speed, and accuracy in	
document production. (BEd 120.49)	
(3)(C) Produce business correspondence, such as	
manuscripts, tables, reports, legal documents, and	
business forms.	
(D) Produce a variety of business documents	
under timed situations. (BEd 120.49)	
(4)(A) Perform advanced word processing	
functions, such creating templates; selecting	
styles; applying auto formatting; utilizing borders	
and shading; defining page setup; converting	
document formats; searching files; addressing	
envelopes; creating labels; utilizing mail merge;	
and customizing the desktop, by using toolbars,	
menus, and shortcut keys. (BEd 120.49)	
(6)(B), (4)(B), (7)(B) Develop effective business	
correspondence (such as business letters and	
resumes) using correct grammar, spelling,	
punctuation, and form. (MktEd 124.2,25,32)	
(4)(A) Communicate effectively in a business	
setting. (MktEd 124.25)	
(2)(B) Use digital keyboarding standards in word	
processing. (TechAp 126.24, 26, 29)	
(7)(C) Use electronic productivity tools such as the	
word processor to edit text including move, copy,	
cut and paste, and spell check.	
(D) Select and use the categories of type, font,	
size, style, and alignment appropriate for the task.	
(TechAp 126.24)	

(13)(D) edit drafts for grammar, mechanics, and	
spelling; (ELAR 1-4)	
(17) Oral and Written Conventions/Conventions.	
Students understand the function of and use the	
conventions of academic language when speaking	
and writing. Students will continue to apply earlier	
standards with greater complexity. Students are	
expected to:	
(A) use and understand the function of the	
following parts of speech in the context of	
reading, writing, and speaking:	
(i) more complex active and passive tenses and	
verbals (gerunds, infinitives, participles);	
(ii) restrictive and nonrestrictive relative clauses;	
and	
(iii) reciprocal pronouns (e.g., each other, one	
another);	
(B) identify and use the subjunctive mood to	
express doubts, wishes, and possibilities; and	
(C) use a variety of correctly structured sentences	
(e.g., compound, complex, compound-complex).	
(ELAR 1-2)	
(18) Oral and Written Conventions/Handwriting,	
Capitalization, and Punctuation. Students write	
legibly and use appropriate capitalization and	
punctuation conventions in their compositions.	
Students are expected to:	
(A) use conventions of capitalization; and	
(B) use correct punctuation marks including:	
(i) quotation marks to indicate sarcasm or irony;	
(ii) comma placement in nonrestrictive phrases,	
clauses, and contrasting expressions; and	
(iii) dashes to emphasize parenthetical	
information. (ELAR 1-2)	
(17) Oral and Written Conventions/Conventions.	
Students understand the function of and use the	
conventions of academic language when speaking	
and writing. Students will continue to apply earlier	
standards with greater complexity. Students are	
expected to:	
(A) use and understand the function of different	
types of clauses and phrases (e.g., adjectival,	
noun, adverbial clauses and phrases); and	
(B) use a variety of correctly structured sentences	
(e.g., compound, complex, compound-complex).	
(ELAR 3-4)	
(18) Oral and Written Conventions/Handwriting,	
Capitalization, and Punctuation. Students write	
legibly and use appropriate capitalization and	
punctuation conventions in their compositions.	
Students are expected to correctly and	
consistently use conventions of punctuation and	
capitalization. (ELAR 3-4)	
(19) Oral and Written Conventions/Spelling.	
Students spell correctly. Students are expected to	

spell correctly, including using various resources to determine and check correct spellings. (ELAR 1-4)	
Database Knowledge and Skills:	Database Knowledge and Skills:
(5)(A) The student is expected to differentiate the nature and interrelationships of fields, records,	-Knowledge of the purpose and use of database applications in a business environment.
and files in databases. (B) The student is expected to perform data	-Use of database features, formulas and functions.
management procedures, including locate, sort, and organize data; search and query data; retrieve data; and export and import data. (C) The student applies database technology. The	-Skill in creation of tables within a database. -Report creation, modification, and formatting skills.
student is expected to produce and analyze business reports. (BEd 120.23) (3)(D) Calculate interest and account balances for savings accounts and certificates of deposit. (BEd 120.43)	-Creation of queries including but not limited to updates, selects, cross-tabs, make-tables, append and delete.
(1)(A), (3)(A) Compute gross pay. (BEd 120.24,42)	-Creation and use of forms.
(1)(B), (3)(C) Compute employee-paid withholdings. (BEd 120.24,42)	-Use of relationships within a database.
(1)(C), (3)(B) Compute net pay. (BEd 120.24,42) (3)(M) Compute cash discounts and the amount	-Use of correct terminology related to databases.
due on purchase orders after adjustments for	-Use and creation of custom help files.
transportation charges, discounts, and returned merchandise. (BEd 120.27) (4)(A), (3)(A), (6)(A) Perform calculations	-Importation from spreadsheets into database tables.
<ul> <li>involving money, time, space, materials, and data.</li> <li>(MktEd 124.12,24,32)</li> <li>(4)(C) Determine price, profit, cost, and break-</li> </ul>	-Publishing database tables or reports to word processing documents.
even point. (MktEd 124.12) (3)(C) Use productivity tools (such as spreadsheets and databases) to determine price, profit, cost, and break-even point. (MktEd 124.25) (16)(B) Use computer software to create business forms that facilitate the purchasing function.	-Creation and modification of fields in tables and reports, including but not limited to changing display formats, modifying numeric formats, and altering formats of merged data.
(MktEd 124.25) (6)(C) Use formulas and equations to determine price, profit, costs, and break-even point. (MktEd	-Skill in sorting and grouping in creation of reports or in modification of order after a report is created.
124.32) (24)(E) Calculate a product's price. (MktEd 124.32)	-Skill to add a chart or graph from a spreadsheet into a report.
	-Use of expression builder.
	-Use of combo boxes for looking up data for a field.
Spreadsheet Knowledge and Skills:	Spreadsheet Knowledge and Skills:
(4)(A) The student applies spreadsheet technology. The student is expected to perform	-Knowledge of purpose and use of spreadsheets in a business environment.

correct mathematical processes, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division; percentages and decimals; order of operations principle. (B) The student applies spreadsheet technology. The student is expected to formulate and produce solutions to a variety of business problems, such as budget, personal, and business; payroll; inventory; invoices; income tax preparation; charts and graphs. (BEd 120.23) (1)(A), (3)(A) Compute gross pay. (BEd 120.24,42) (1)(B), (3)(C) Compute employee-paid withholdings. (BEd 120.24,42) (1)(C), (3)(B) Compute net pay. (BEd 120.24,42) (3)(M) Compute cash discounts and the amount due on purchase orders after adjustments for transportation charges, discounts, and returned merchandise. (BEd 120.27) (4)(B) Prepare depreciation schedules. (BEd 120.42) (3)(D) Calculate interest and account balances for savings accounts and certificates of deposit. (BEd 120.43) (4)(A), (3)(A), (6)(A) Perform calculations involving money, time, space, materials, and data. (MktEd 124.12,24,32) (4)(C), (3)(C) Determine price, profit, cost, and break-even point. (MktEd 124.12,24) (3)(B) Employ technology to create and interpret charts and graphs to make informed marketing decisions. (C) Use productivity tools (such as spreadsheets and databases) to determine price, profit, cost, and break-even point. (MktEd 124.25) (6)(C) Use formulas and equations to determine price, profit, costs, and break-even point. (MktEd 124.32	<ul> <li>-Creation and use of spreadsheet functions and formulas.</li> <li>-Use of correct terminology related to spreadsheets.</li> <li>-Use of various spreadsheet features including but not limited to sorts, filters, consolidation, validation, text manipulation, grouping, outlining, subtotals, forms, copying &amp; special pasting, goal seek, pivot tables, conditional formatting.</li> <li>-Use and creation of chart and graphs.</li> <li>-Use and creation of custom help files.</li> <li>-Knowledge of purpose and use of spreadsheets in a math environment.</li> <li>-Skill to merge data into a word processing document.</li> <li>-Data formatting in spreadsheets into a suitable print arrangement, including, but not limited to use of headers, footers, titles, subtitles, column heading, outlining, charts, graphs, and borders.</li> <li>-Skill to link or export charts or graphs to database reports or word processing documents.</li> <li>-Creation and modification of pivot tables and pivot charts.</li> <li>-Creation of multiple worksheets in a given spreadsheet and manipulation of data from one to another.</li> <li>-Knowledge of tracking changes in a spreadsheet.</li> </ul>
	-Knowledge of tracking changes in a spreadsheet.
Integration of Applications Knowledge and Skills:	Integration of Applications Knowledge and Skills:
(3)(C) Utilize hardware and software flexibility needed to produce documents to address different computer applications.	-Use of integrated features in a Windows-based environment.
(F) Produce business documents, including business letters, business reports, integrating charts, and graphics. (BEd 120.23)	-Use of correct terminology related to computer applications.
(7)(C) Create desktop publications importing text and graphics. (BEd 120.23) (4)(G), (7)(A) Follow oral and written instructions.	<ul> <li>Skills which include but are not limited to the importing &amp; exporting of tables and worksheets, saving to removable media, use of print screens,</li> </ul>

(BEd 120.22,42) (4)(C) Manipulate text, graphics, and other	and copying & pasting of tables and other data.
<ul> <li>(BEU 120.22,42)</li> <li>(4)(C) Manipulate text, graphics, and other electronic images for business document production. (BEd 120.44)</li> <li>(1)(A) Interpret and follow directions to produce documents.</li> <li>(C) Identify and apply correct format for business correspondence and documents. (BEd 120.49)</li> <li>(3)(D) Produce a variety of business documents under timed situations. (BEd 120.49)</li> <li>(4)(B) Import existing spreadsheet and database data into word processing documents. (BEd 120.49)</li> <li>(2)(E) Use computer technologies to record, locate, analyze, present, and exchange information. (TechEd 123.47)</li> <li>(6)(D) Use a variety of computer resources to</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Analysis of data and information using the various features and functions found in the above applications.</li> <li>Use and creation of custom help files.</li> <li>Skill to link or export charts or graphs to database reports or word processing documents.</li> <li>Ability to merge data into a word processing document.</li> </ul>
complete a project. (TechEd 123.47)	