

## **Preface**

The University Interscholastic League was created by The University of Texas at Austin to provide leadership and guidance to debate and athletic teachers in public schools. Since 1909 the UIL has grown into the largest inter-school organization of its kind in the world.

The voluntary-membership, non-profit organization exists to provide educational extracurricular academic, athletic and music contests. The initials UIL have come to represent quality educational competition administered by school people on an equitable basis. The purpose of the UIL is to organize and properly supervise contests that assist in preparing students for citizenship. It aims to provide healthy, character building, educational activities carried out under rules providing for fair play and good sportsmanship for all participants.

Organized competition under proper controls has demonstrated its value and has furnished inspiration to talented students for many years. The UIL does not provide a contest for every student but does fill the need for those with the physical and intellectual capacity to excel in activities beyond the classroom.

*The Correlation of TEKS to the UIL High School Academic Events* is intended to provide educators and the public with a better understanding of the value of academic contest participation. By comparing the objectives found in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills to the objectives of the academic events, the UIL demonstrates the direct connection between the two with the hope of encouraging student involvement.