

**Section 1405: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Students are eligible so long as they have been in attendance and are passing all classes in accordance with state law and rules of the State Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency. The UIL has no age limit for elementary academic competition, nor does it have a residence rule.

- (a) **COMPETING OUT OF GRADE LEVEL.** Elementary students are not prohibited from competing one grade level higher than the one in which they are enrolled. However, a student shall not compete in two or more grade levels of the same contest in the same year.
- (b) **AMATEUR RULE.** There is no amateur rule for students competing in elementary school or junior high school competitions. Section 441, Amateur Athletic Status, does not apply to students until the first class day of their ninth-grade year.