

## Section 1408: INVITATIONAL/DISTRICT MEETS

- (a) SUNDAY PARTICIPATION. No UIL participant school shall sponsor individuals or teams in any contest or school competition on a Sunday in a UIL contest or a contest similar to one offered by the UIL.
- (b) SCHEDULING. Schools may use no more than one school day or two half-school days per school year to hold the district academic contests.
- (c) INVITATIONAL MATERIALS. The UIL will provide three sets of elementary and junior high materials for the contests listed below with exceptions noted under the individual contests. Schools requiring invitational materials for meets to be held between November 1 and April 1 should order invitational materials at least four weeks prior to their meet date. No materials from the UIL invitational contests may be returned to contestants before April 1.
- (d) DISTRICT ENTRIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS. Each district may devise its own entry forms for entering contestants in academic contests or use the form found in the *A+ Handbook*. Policies regarding due dates, late entries and substitutions should be determined by each district prior to the academic meet.
- (e) CONTEST MATERIALS.

- (1) *Confidentiality*. Coaches, contest directors and contestants are responsible for maintaining confidentiality of district meet contest materials. Transfer of information relative to the tests shall be considered a violation of the A+ Meet Code and subject to penalties as outlined in Section 27 and Section 29.
- (2) *Materials*. Contest materials supplied by the UIL office will be prepared for the grade levels designated in each contest plan. Two or more grade levels will, in most cases, take the same test.
- (3) *District Contest Materials*. District contest materials for A+ activities will be available for fall/winter district meets held between December 1 and January 31, and for spring district meets held between February 1 and the Saturday prior to Memorial Day. It is permissible for districts to schedule meets outside those time frames, but tests will not be available from the UIL office for those meets. Materials necessary for conducting district meets shall be requisitioned from the UIL office by the district director. No materials from the fall/winter district contest may be returned to contestants before January 31. No materials from the spring district contest may be returned to contestants before the Saturday prior to Memorial Day.

## (f) OPTIONAL CONTEST.

- (1) *Speech*. The middle or junior high schools in any A+ district may hold any of the speech contests listed in the high school Academics Meet Plan in Section 1000. Winners do not advance to a higher level. A student may participate in no more than two speech events.
- (2) *Additional Grade Levels*. With the approval of the A+ district executive committee, districts may elect to create a division of a contest for each designated grade level or additional grade levels.
- (3) *Other Contests*. Districts may pilot contests that are not described in the Constitution or may alter other high school contests in a manner appropriate for the particular grade level.

## (g) TESTS /JUDGING.

- (1) *Philosophy*. Critiques of tests and performances should first comment on the positive aspects of the competition and then offer constructive criticism. When comments are possible, they need not be long, but they should be specific. Strictly objective tests do

not need commentary.

- (2) *Corrections.* Any corrections to contest material will be made available to meet director.
- (3) *Changing Answer Keys.* If there is consensus among the graders, judges and coaches that an answer on the answer key is incorrect, the contest director is authorized to correct the answer key. This decision shall be made before the official results are announced.

(h) **POINTS.** In determining the overall championship, points shall be awarded according to the following chart. Points shall be awarded for all places in which a contestant participated. For example, if only two contestants participate in an event, both contestants receive points according to the results of the event.

CONTESTS	PLACES AND POINTS					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Art	15	12	10	8	6	4
Team Art	8	6	4	0	0	0
Calculator Applications	15	12	10	8	6	4
Team Calculator Applications	8	6	4	0	0	0
Creative Writing	15	12	10	8	6	4
Chess Puzzle	15	12	10	8	6	4
Team Chess Puzzle	8	6	4	0	0	0
Dictionary Skills	15	12	10	8	6	4
Team Dictionary Skills	8	6	4	0	0	0
Editorial Writing	15	12	10	8	6	4
Impromptu Speaking	15	12	10	8	6	4
Listening	15	12	10	8	6	4
Team Listening	8	6	4	0	0	0
Maps, Graphs, & Charts	15	12	10	8	6	4
Team Maps, Graphs, & Charts	8	6	4	0	0	0
Mathematics	15	12	10	8	6	4
Team Mathematics	8	6	4	0	0	0
Modern Oratory	15	12	10	8	6	4
Music Memory	15	12	10	8	6	4
Team Music Memory	8	6	4	0	0	0
Number Sense	15	12	10	8	6	4
Team Number Sense	8	6	4	0	0	0
One-Act Play						
Ranked Plays	22	18	15	0	0	0
Individual Awards	8	4	2	0	0	0
Oral Reading	15	12	10	8	6	4
Ready Writing	15	12	10	8	6	4
Science	15	12	10	8	6	4
Team Science	8	6	4	0	0	0
Social Studies	15	12	10	8	6	4
Team Social Studies	8	6	4	0	0	0
Spelling	15	12	10	8	6	4
Team Spelling	8	6	4	0	0	0
Storytelling	15	12	10	8	6	4

(1) *One-Act Play Points.* The first-place play receives 22 points, the second-place play receives 18 points and the third-place play receives 15 points. Individual awards shall consist of first place (each best performer), second place (each all-star cast) and third place (each honorable mention all-star cast). Individual awards may not exceed those specified in Section 1033. An all-star cast award assigned by the judge to a chorus or

other group of players counts as only one individual award and shall be allocated the appropriate points.

(2) *Ties in Individual and Team Competition.* In contests in which a tie cannot be broken, tied individuals or teams split the total points equally for the two or more places in which the tie exists. Two schools tied for first place in a contest shall add first and second place points and divide equally. The school ranking next shall receive third place points. Two schools tied for second place shall add second and third place points and divide equally, and no third place points shall be awarded. Ties for remaining places shall be decided in the same manner, except that schools tied for last place shall divide equally the points assigned to that place.

(i) **CHAMPIONSHIPS.** An overall academic district champion may be named, and a trophy awarded to the winning elementary, middle and/or junior high school, at the discretion of the district executive committee. Points won by an elementary, middle or junior high school shall not be counted toward the overall championship in a high school meet and vice versa. No school shall be eligible for the overall championship that does not place in at least three events.

(j) **TROPHIES AND AWARDS.** The district executive committee may authorize the purchase of a standard or approved district championship trophy to be given to the winning school.

(k) **LIMITATION OF AWARDS.** There is no Awards Rule for students in grades 2 through 6 who compete in UIL elementary academic contests. Awards for elementary students are determined by the participating schools.

(l) **INDIVIDUAL PLANS.** Specific requirements and regulations may be found in the individual contest plans.

- (1) *Academic.* 1410 through 1474.
- (2) *Athletic.* Section 1478.