

**Proposed Amendment to the  
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment***

The UIL would pilot an A+ contest in middle school theatrical design for grades 6-8. The entries would be managed at the district level and could be submitted digitally or in person.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

There is an increased interest in theatre arts at the middle school with schools offering various versions of the event. Contest procedures provide an opportunity to satisfy required Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for middle school fine arts. It also provides an opportunity to create vertical alignment of skills and terms between middle and high school theatrical design contests.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Theatrical Design is a contest intended to foster an appreciation for the design and technical elements of theatre arts including scenery, properties, costume, hair and makeup, and marketing. Each school submits designs of original work based on the assigned script prompt. All designs must be produced solely by students currently enrolled and attending a UIL member school. Schools may submit up to three entries of original work in each category. The entry procedures and categories shall be posted on the UIL website. The design entries will be scored by volunteer adjudicators assigned by the contest director. Entries will be evaluated based on a ballot/rubric modified from the high school contest.

***D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools***

This proposed amendment should have minimal fiscal impact on member schools. Low cost or free digital scripts will be selected. The contest would require standard art and school supplies. Adjudicators would consist of adult volunteers.

***E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2024.