

**Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Conference and District Assignment Policies and Procedures**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment alters Reclassification and Realignment Policy as it relates to the conference placement of UIL member charter schools. The language will allow staff the option to place charter schools as much as one (1) conference above the conference for which their enrollment qualifies.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Current policy limits the options for staff to address concerns with the conference placement of charter schools in some areas, as it is tied to the lowest enrolled school of the ISD in which the charter school is located. This amendment gives staff additional options to consider when determining conference placement for charter schools. Charter schools would still have the same appeal options of staff decision on conference placement as are available now.

C. Proposed Amendment

UIL Conference and District Assignment Policies and Procedures, section II B 1 c, would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

II. UIL CONFERENCES; B. Conference Determination

1. Charter Schools

- a. Charter schools may be reassigned to a higher conference if actual enrollment is larger than the submitted enrollment projections.
- b. Charter Schools shall not be assigned to a football district unless they provide evidence to UIL staff that they have participated previously.
- c. Charters schools located within the boundaries of a school district shall be assigned to the same conference as the high school in that school district with the lowest enrollment (unless the charter school's enrollment qualifies it for a higher conference), OR NO MORE THAN ONE CONFERENCE HIGHER THAN THE CHARTER SCHOOL'S ENROLLMENT QUALIFIES, WHICHEVER IS HIGHER.
 - i. A charter school elevated in conference under this rule shall receive an automatic appeal to UIL staff related to conference assignment.
 - ii. A charter school may be assigned to different conferences for different divisions of UIL activities.
UIL divisions are academics, music and athletics
 - iii. Decisions of UIL staff may be appealed to the District Assignment Appeals Committee.

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

This amendment should have no fiscal impact on schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective for the 2024-26 alignment.