

REPORT OF
THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS

JUNE 13, 2023

ON JUNE 13, 2023, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE AUSTIN MARRIOTT NORTH IN ROUND ROCK, TEXAS. BASED UPON ITEMS CONSIDERED, THE COMMITTEE TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS DURING ITS BUSINESS MEETING.



THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
Approved the following proposals in concept and instructed the staff to draft appropriate language

- a. A proposal to add Robotics Education & Competition Foundation (RECF) as a sanctioned contest
- b. A proposal to pilot Theatrical Design as a contest for middle school/junior high

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
Authorized the Staff to Study the Following Proposals with Survey

- a. A proposal to allow students in 1A and 2A schools to participate in both Lincoln-Douglas and Cross-Examination Debate
- b. A proposal to develop and pilot a Drone Competition

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
Authorized the Staff to Monitor the Following Proposal

- a. A proposal to let the lowest cumulative score of all ranks for each OAP decide the rank order

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
Denied, Rejected or Took No Action on the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to allow more than one team from a school to qualify for state competition in UIL FIRST Robotics
- b. A proposal to expand wild card qualification for individual and team competitors
- c. A proposal that schools whose enrollment is not solely determined by geography, be placed in a separate conference for Academics
- d. A proposal to divide each conference into two divisions for Academic Competition
- e. A proposal to allow a grace period of no more than 10 seconds in Poetry and Prose Interpretation
- f. A proposal that Judges may not double as timekeepers in Poetry and Prose Interpretation
- g. A proposal to codify length and order of One-Act Play critiques, when presented before awards announcements

REPORT OF
THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC

JUNE 13, 2023

ON JUNE 13, 2023, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE AUSTIN MARRIOTT NORTH IN ROUND ROCK, TEXAS. BASED UPON ITEMS CONSIDERED, THE COMMITTEE TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS DURING ITS BUSINESS MEETING.



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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment to Section 1111, *Sight-Reading Evaluation*, would increase the committee member term from two years to three years.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Current sight-reading committee terms are two years. Increasing the terms of these committee members to three years would be consistent with the terms of the prescribed music list committees and create more stability with the makeup of the sight-reading committees, thus allowing UIL to better serve its member schools by reducing the committee turnover rate.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1111(f) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1111: SIGHT-READING EVALUATION.

(a) PERFORMANCE REGULATIONS.

(3) Music. A committee of five in each division (band, choir, orchestra) is appointed by the state director of music to THREE ~~two~~-year overlapping terms to select and/or edit sight-reading music that conforms to the criteria as stated on the UIL website.

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

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Music moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2023, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC
Passed the Following Proposal**

- a. A proposal to increase sight-reading committee member terms from two years to three years

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC
Authorized the Staff to Study the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to allow for area amplification of marching bands using open microphones
- b. A proposal to create a state jazz festival

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC
Approved the Following Proposal in Concept**

- a. A proposal to increase the number of hours marching bands are permitted to spend on visual fundamentals prior to August 1st from 10 hours to 15 hours

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC
Denied, Rejected or Took No Action on the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to change the 2023 date for marching bands to begin learning their contest show from August 1 to July 31
- b. A proposal to make early dismissal for marching bands from Friday night football games mandatory if the band has a contest the next day
- c. A proposal to remove sub non-varsity language from music events

REPORT OF
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment to Section 1478, *7-8th Grade Athletic Plan*, would allow for a pilot program in Conference 1A and 2A to field as many as two teams when 6th grade participation is vital to team sports. This amendment would also allow for participation in individual sports in Conference 1A and 2A in schools who meet the criteria for allowing sixth grade participation in team sports. This amendment would allow schools to use sixth graders for any activities that follow on the calendar once they qualify to use sixth graders in another activity.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Under current rule, 6th grade participation is allowed in Conference 1A and 2A when their participation is vital to field one combined seventh and eighth grade baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball or volleyball team on the first day of the season. The UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* provides a prescribed number of participants per sport that schools must fall below for 6th grade participation to be allowed. This amendment creates a pilot program in Conference 1A and 2A to allow schools to field as many as two teams under this rule as well allowing sixth graders to continue to participate in all sports, including individual sports, if they meet the requirements to participate in another activity.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1478(c) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1478: 7-8TH Grade Athletic Plan

(c) SIXTH GRADE PARTICIPATION.

(3) Exceptions. A sixth grader may also participate in UIL competition or contests as a representative of a participant school under the following circumstances.

(A) In Conference 1A and 2A schools or in small junior high schools whose enrollment corresponds to Conference 1A and 2A enrollment, sixth graders may be used when their participation is vital to field one combined seventh and eighth grade baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball or volleyball team on the first day of the season. Sixth graders may not be used on either team when a school has more than one team playing baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball or volleyball team on the first day of the season. (EXCEPTION: PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR: 1A AND 2A SCHOOLS ARE ALLOWED TO USE SIXTH GRADERS TO FIELD AS MANY AS TWO (2) TEAMS UNDER THIS RULE. ALSO, ONCE A SCHOOL QUALIFIES TO USE SIXTH GRADERS UNDER THIS RULE, IT WOULD QUALIFY TO USE SIXTH GRADERS FOR ANY ACTIVITIES THAT FOLLOW ON THE CALENDAR.)

The first day of the season is defined as the first day of practice outside the school day or the day of the first competition, whichever occurs sooner. If fewer than the below listed number of seventh and eighth grade students report the first day of the season, then sixth graders shall be notified the next day that they may try out for the combined seventh and eighth grade team and may participate for the entire season. If the number of seventh and eighth graders reporting the

first day of the season meets or exceeds the number listed below, then sixth graders shall not be used anytime during the entire season.

Baseball-18
Basketball-10
Football: 6-man-12
Football: 11-man-22
Soccer-22
Softball-18
Volleyball-12

If a coach intentionally prevents seventh or eighth graders from reporting at the beginning of the season (so as to permit sixth graders to participate) it will be considered a violation of the Athletic Codes and subject to penalty.

- (B) Individual Sports. Sixth graders shall not represent a UIL seventh and eighth school in individual sports (cross country, golf, swimming, tennis, track and field and wrestling), except students with disabilities who meet the criteria of the provisions of Section 1478(c)(2). (EXCEPTION: PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR: SIXTH GRADERS ARE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN INDIVIDUAL SPORTS IN CONFERENCE 1A AND 2A IF THEY PARTICIPATED IN ANY TEAM SPORT UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF SECTION 1478(c)(3)(A).)
- (C) SCHOOLS MUST PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULE ABOVE TO THE DEC TO UTILIZE SIXTH GRADERS.

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

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2023.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Passed the Following Proposal

- a. A proposal to allow 6th grade participation at the 1A/2A level

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Authorized the Staff to Study the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to extend the December game limitation rule to Thanksgiving break
- b. A proposal to increase the number of athletes from regional to state from two to three in spring tennis
- c. A proposal to add boys volleyball as a UIL sanctioned activity

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Approved the following proposal in Concept for Approval in October

- a. A proposal to allow coaches to coach their athletes in an All-Star game

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Authorized the Staff to Continue to Monitor the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to allow 1A schools to participate in additional tournaments in exchange for individual games
- b. A proposal to allow the district champion home field advantage in the first round of soccer playoffs

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Denied, Rejected, or Took No Action on the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to prohibit train horns at football games
- b. A proposal to prohibit cheerleaders at basketball games
- c. A proposal to allow audio communication devices for hearing-impaired athletes in basketball
- d. A proposal to allow two PE courses
- e. A proposal to require officials to be paid for games cancelled by the schools within 5 days
- f. A proposal to allow boys to participate on the girls volleyball team
- g. A proposal to prohibit coaches from coaching their own child at the school they are employed
- h. A proposal to amend the softball and baseball rules regarding batters
- i. A proposal to add table tennis as a UIL sanctioned activity
- j. A proposal to prohibit all athletic activities during the month of July
- k. A proposal to allow coaches to coach 7 on 7 leagues in the summer
- l. A proposal to add 3-meter diving
- m. A proposal to add girls lacrosse
- n. A proposal to update the recommended distance of middle school hurdles
- o. A proposal to require gymnastics coaches to complete safety training

REPORT OF
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

JUNE 13, 2023

ON JUNE 13, 2023, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE AUSTIN MARRIOTT NORTH IN ROUND ROCK, TEXAS. BASED UPON ITEMS CONSIDERED, THE COMMITTEE TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS DURING ITS BUSINESS MEETING.



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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Section 442, *Residence in School District and Attendance Zone*, would update rules regarding students in custodial placements who are relocated by an appropriate authority to a new custodial placement in a different school attendance zone prior to that student being enrolled in the school for a year.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

If a student is relocated to a custodial placement in a different attendance zone by the state prior to being enrolled in the school for a year, under current rule, the student would require waiver of the residence rule. This amendment would allow the student who remains in the same school as the original placement varsity eligibility, without the need for a waiver.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 442(e) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 442: RESIDENCE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ATTENDANCE ZONE

- (e) CUSTODIAL. The residence of a student assigned by appropriate authority to a foster home (or in kinship placement, as provided for in Chapter 264; Subchapter K, Tex. Family Code, in lieu of foster care) or a home licensed by the state as a childcare boarding facility, or placed in a home by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Texas Juvenile Justice Department or an equivalent state agency, is presumed to be at the home or facility to which the student has been placed. If a student's parent(s) move the student to a foster home in another school district, the student is not eligible, but may apply for a waiver. The residence of a student placed in a home or residential facility that is affiliated with a special purpose school district as outlined in Section 11.351 of the Texas Education Code is presumed to be at the special school district-affiliated home or residential facility where the student is placed.

A STUDENT IN A CUSTODIAL PLACEMENT AS NOTED IN THIS SECTION, WHO IS DETERMINED TO MEET VARSITY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND IS SUBSEQUENTLY RELOCATED BY AN APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY TO A CUSTODIAL PLACEMENT OUTSIDE THE CURRENT SCHOOL'S ATTENDANCE ZONE, WOULD NOT LOSE VARSITY ELIGIBILITY UNDER THIS SECTION AS LONG AS THEY REMAIN ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL.

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

There would be no fiscal impact to schools related to this amendment.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2023, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules*, UIL-TEA Side by Side and Previous Athletic Participation Form (PAPF) amends UIL rules and policies to comply with legislation passed by the Texas Legislature.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This amendment would allow for UIL staff to make changes to UIL documents and policies to comply with legislation passed by the Texas Legislature for UIL activities.

C. Proposed Amendment

The UIL Legislative Council authorizes UIL staff to make additional changes to UIL documents and policies to stay in compliance with requirements passed by the Texas Legislature. The UIL Executive Director will notify UIL Legislative Council of any changes.

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

This proposed amendment should have minimal fiscal impact on member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2023, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY
Passed the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to update UIL rules in section 442 regarding students in custodial placements
- b. A proposal to authorize UIL staff to make additional rule changes to stay in compliance with legislation passed by the Texas Legislature

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY
Authorized the Staff to Study the Following Proposal

- a. A proposal to add eSports as a UIL activity
- b. A proposal to add a dance division at Spirit
- c. A proposal to allow a linear broadcast of live high school football games

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY
Denied, Rejected or Took No Action on the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to alter 5A football realignment structure
- b. A proposal to allow students with new or updated 504 plans to regain eligibility if ineligible
- c. A proposal to implement a one-year attendance waiver for small schools
- d. A proposal for school breaks to count towards ineligibility time of extracurricular activities
- e. A proposal to remove the seven-day period for regaining eligibility
- f. A proposal for a STEM or A.T.E.M.S school to compete in the classification at which the student from the largest classification campus in that district would be attending if not at the STEM or A.T.E.M.S