

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

OCTOBER 14, 2024

ON OCTOBER 13, 2024, THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE AUSTIN MARRIOTT NORTH IN ROUND ROCK, TEXAS. THERE WERE NO ACADEMIC-RELATED PROPOSALS TO CONSIDER, THUS THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS TOOK NO ACTION.



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

OCTOBER 14, 2024

ON OCTOBER 13, 2024, 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 1105, *Region Marching Band Contest*, and Section 1107, *State Marching Band Contest*, would place the state military marching band contest pilot into rule.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

The state military marching band contest pilot began in the fall of 2020. In the four years this event has been held participation has been as expected and stakeholder feedback has been positive. The National Association of Military Marching Bands (NAMMB), the UIL partner for this event, also endorses the contest going into rule.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1105(k)(2)(c) and Section 1107 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1105: REGION MARCHING BAND CONTEST

- (k) REGION CERTIFICATION TO STATE.
 - (2) Certification for Advancement. Bands shall be certified for advancement to the state contest under the following provisions:
 - (C) ANY BAND DECLARING THE MILITARY TRACK THAT HAS FOLLOWED THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE REGION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO INDICATE TO THE REGION EXECUTIVE SECRETARY THE INTENT TO ADVANCE TO STATE AND THAT RECEIVES A DIVISION 1 RATING AT THE REGION CONTEST SHALL BE CERTIFIED FOR ADVANCEMENT TO THE STATE MILITARY CONTEST.

Section 1107: STATE MARCHING BAND CONTEST

- (a) CONTEST SCHEDULE. The state contest will be held annually IN TWO TRACKS: ~~for each conference:~~ OPEN CLASS AND MILITARY CLASS. CERTIFIED BANDS WILL COMPETE IN THE TRACK DECLARED WHEN REGISTERING FOR THE REGION CONTEST.
- (e) PERFORMANCE REGULATIONS. Performance regulations as listed under Section 1105 shall apply to the state marching band contest with the following exceptionS: Any band that leaves the field in less than five minutes or fails to complete its performance in eight minutes shall be disqualified. THE STATE MILITARY MARCHING BAND CONTEST WILL ADHERE TO ALL PERFORMANCE REGULATIONS AS DEFINED IN THE STATE MILITARY MARCHING BAND CONTEST MANUAL.
- (g) ADJUDICATION. For conferences A, 2A and 3A OPEN CLASS CONTEST AND ALL CONFERENCES AT THE MILITARY CLASS CONTEST the UIL office shall assign five judges, consisting of three music judges and two visual judges.

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

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact on member schools that are already participating in this event.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Music moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2025, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment would place the state chamber music contest pilot into rule.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

The state chamber music contest pilot began in the spring of 2022. In the three years this event has been held participation has continued to grow and stakeholder feedback has been positive. The first round of this contest is held through a recording submission process with only the finalist groups competing in person. Competing groups must consist of three to ten members.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1116 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be added as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1116: STATE CHAMBER MUSIC CONTEST

- (a) CONTEST SCHEDULE. THE STATE CHAMBER MUSIC CONTEST WILL BE HELD ANNUALLY, FOLLOWING ALL RULES AND PROCEDURES AS DEFINED IN THE STATE CHAMBER MUSIC CONTEST MANUAL.

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

This proposed amendment should have no fiscal impact on the schools that are already participating in the event.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Music moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2025, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

- a. A proposal to place the state military marching band contest pilot into rule
- b. A proposal to place the state chamber music competition pilot into rule

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

- a. A proposal to create a state jazz festival.

REPORT OF
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

OCTOBER 14, 2024

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This proposal amends Section 1204(r), *Conduct and Report of All Major Incidents*.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This proposed amendment from the UIL Sports Officials Committee (SOC) would change the time period that an official has to report an incident from 48 hours to 24 hours for sports other than football.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1204(r) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1204: OFFICIALS

(r) CONDUCT AND REPORT OF ALL MAJOR INCIDENTS:

Officials shall report all ejections of coaches, players, or fans, or severe verbal and physical abuse, and any major disruptions that occur during a game. Officials shall:

- (1) hold themselves to the highest standard of conduct before, during, and after any contest and shall not instigate any verbal or physical confrontation;
- (2) attempt to inform the game administrator immediately following the contest of any major incident, and continue to make reasonable attempts to contact the administrator until successful; and
- (3) submit a written report from each official involved to the UIL office within 48 hours of the incident FOR FOOTBALL CONTESTS AND WITHIN 24 HOURS FOR ALL OTHER SPORT CONTESTS.

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

There should be no fiscal impact to member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective immediately, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This amendment to Section 1209, *Non-School Participation*, removes the pilot program status for the TABC June summer showcase event. This proposal also allows for use of school resources in this sanctioned summer showcase event.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

The TABC summer showcase event has been a pilot program for three years and has been very popular with an increasing number of participating schools year over year. The showcase has allowed our coaches to directly coach their athletes at a recruitable event that allows for straight line recruiting. Removing the pilot status will allow this event to remain as an approved and sanctioned event for coaches to coach their athletes in a non-school event. Further, we are recommending the approval of school resources to be utilized to support student participation in this sanctioned event as individual school districts allow.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 1209(g) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1209: NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

- (g) COACHING RESTRICTIONS. For non-school competition school coaches shall not schedule matched games for students in grades 7-12 from their attendance zone. School coaches may assist in organizing, selecting players and coaches, and may supervise school facilities for non-school league play. School coaches shall not coach or instruct students in grades 7-12 from their school district attendance zone in the team sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball or WATER POLO UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTED BELOW. ~~A pilot program will allow basketball coaches to coach their high school team during the TABC June Summer Showcase event only. For the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year, a pilot program will allow coaches to coach two players in grades 7-12 in a UIL approved state association all-star game.~~ School coaches shall not supervise facilities for non-school activities on school time. Refer to Section 1201.
- (1) TABC SUMMER SHOWCASE. BASKETBALL COACHES ARE ALLOWED TO COACH THEIR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM DURING THE TABC JUNE SUMMER SHOWCASE EVENT ONLY.
- (A) STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE TABC JUNE SUMMER SHOWCASE MAY ONLY REPRESENT THE SCHOOL OR FEEDER PATTERN IN WHICH THEY WERE ENROLLED AND ATTENDING THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR, OR IF ATTENDING A NEW SCHOOL, THEY HAVE A PAPF THAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE UIL FOR PARTICIPATION AT THE NEW SCHOOL.
- (B) SCHOOL RESOURCES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO BE UTILIZED FOR THE TABC SUMMER SHOWCASE.

(2) FOR THE 2023-2024 AND 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, A PILOT PROGRAM WILL ALLOW COACHES TO COACH TWO PLAYERS IN GRADES 7-12 IN A UIL APPROVED STATE ASSOCIATION ALL-STAR GAME.

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

The fiscal impact will be determined by the individual school district through their individual approval for the use of school district resources.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective January 1, 2025, 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 Section 1205, *Athletic Eligibility*, would prohibit students found to have changed schools for athletic purposes from participating in contests against varsity teams from other schools, unless an exception is granted by the UIL Athletic Director or his/her designee.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Students determined to have changed schools for athletic purposes are not eligible for varsity athletic participation for one year but can play sub-varsity. There is nothing in current rule that prohibits a sub-varsity team from playing against a varsity team. This rule would indicate that if that happens, the student who was found to have changed schools for athletic purposes could not participate in that contest against a varsity team without approval of the UIL Athletic Director or his/her designee.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1205(e) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1205: ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

- (e) SUB-VARSITY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. An individual is eligible to participate in UIL contests if that individual is a full-time student of the member school the student represents, has been in attendance and has passed the number of courses required by state law and by rules of the State Board of Education, and is passing the number of courses required by state law and by rules of the State Board of Education; or is a non-enrolled (home schooled) student seeking participation and is in compliance with all provisions included in section 33.0832 of the Texas Education Code.
- 1) A STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN FOUND TO HAVE CHANGED SCHOOLS FOR ATHLETIC PURPOSES AND IS ELIGIBLE ONLY FOR SUB VARSITY ATHLETICS AT A SCHOOL IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONTEST AGAINST A VARSITY TEAM FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL. ANY EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE WOULD NEED TO RECEIVE APPROVAL FROM THE UIL DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, OR THEIR DESIGNEE.

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

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2025, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Passed the Following Proposal

- a. A proposal to amend Section 1204(r) regarding incident reporting times for officials
- b. A proposal to amend Section 1209(g) regarding non-school participation in the TABC June summer showcase event
- c. A proposal to amend Section 1205(e) regarding athletic eligibility guidelines for students that have changed schools for athletic purposes

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

- a. A proposal to add mixed relays in every relay at Track and Field competitions
- b. A proposal to add boys volleyball as a sanctioned activity
- c. A proposal to add girls flag football as a sanctioned activity
- d. A proposal to sanction Rugby as a sanctioned activity
- e. A proposal to add Lacrosse as a sanctioned activity
- f. A proposal to allow Guardian Caps during football competitions
- g. A proposal to put limitations on audio and visual effects in a stadium or arena
- h. A proposal to allow certain pyrotechnics at athletic events
- i. A proposal to allow certain noisemakers at athletic events
- j. A proposal to allow tethered drones during football competition

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Section 26, *State Executive Committee*, would expand the jurisdiction of the State Executive Committee (SEC) as it relates to investigating schools with an inordinate number of Previous Athletic Participation Forms for new students.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This additional jurisdiction is covered by existing language in the section. However, adding the specific authority for the SEC to investigate schools that are receiving a high number of new students participating in athletics clarifies this function.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 26(c) of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 26: STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(c) JURISDICTION.

The State Executive Committee shall decide:

- (1) a protest or report of violation arising between schools belonging to different conferences or districts;
- (2) a protest or report of violation involving individual contestants in a competition beyond the district level;
- (3) a case involving mistreatment of an official;
- (4) an appeal from a decision of a District Executive Committee that a school is disqualified;
- (5) an appeal from a decision of a District Executive Committee involving alleged discrimination;
- (6) an appeal from a decision of a District Executive Committee concerning a student's eligibility;
- (7) an appeal from a decision of a District Executive Committee ordering a reprimand in the case of school district personnel violations;
- (8) a case involving allegations of school district personnel violations that could result in an order of public reprimand or suspension;
- (9) a request for permission to participate as outlined in section 33.081 e-2 through e-4 of the Texas Education Code;
- (10) a case referred by a District Executive Committee due to a conflict of interest or as otherwise provided in these rules;
- (11) CONCERNS RELATED TO THE NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORMS COMPLETED FOR NEW STUDENTS ENROLLING IN MEMBER SCHOOLS;
AND
- (12) (H) upon proper request, considering and issuing opinions interpreting UIL rules.

This subchapter shall not be interpreted to limit the power of the State Executive Committee in making investigations and initiating proceedings against any member school when sufficient justification exists

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

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2025, 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 Section 27, *Penalties the State Executive Committee can Impose*, of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules (C&CR) would provide a penalty the State Executive Committee (SEC) could impose on a UIL District Executive Committee (DEC) or Music Region Executive Committee when it is determined that the Committee is acting in a manner inconsistent with the rules of the C&CR.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

When UIL Committees, who have responsibility to enforce UIL rules, do not act in a manner consistent with the rules, little remedy is available to the SEC. Giving the SEC an avenue to appoint an independent individual to oversee the conduct of meetings, with some individual referral authority, would be a step toward making sure the rules are enforced consistently.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 27(g) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 27: PENALTIES THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CAN IMPOSE

(g) FOR UIL CONTEST DISTRICTS.

(1) If the State Executive Committee decides that a District Executive Committee or a music region executive committee interpreted and applied the Constitution and/or Contest Rules knowing that the interpretation or application was material and erroneous, the State Executive Committee may disqualify the district or the music region in the germane activity.

(2) IF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECIDES THAT A DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR A MUSIC REGION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS INTERPRETED AND APPLIED THE CONSTITUTION AND/OR CONTEST RULES IN A MANNER THAT DEMONSTRATES A LACK OF FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE RULES, AND/OR THE SPIRIT OF THE RULES, THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY APPOINT A CHAIR TO OVERSEE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND DETERMINE WHEN TO REFER MATTERS TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND/OR APPOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO CONDUCT COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

(3) (2) The State Executive Committee has the option not to replace a competitive group that is disqualified from the playoff structure at or near the certification date for district representatives.

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

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2025, 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 Section 443, *Changing Schools for Athletic Purposes*, and Section 1205, *Athletic Eligibility*, would update requirements for filing a Previous Athletic Participation Form (PAPF) and mandate completion of the New Student Eligibility Questionnaire prior to participation at any level at a new school.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

In some cases, schools are not filing timely PAPFs when students enter new schools. This rule change would mandate that any new student to a school in grades 9-12 must complete the New Student Eligibility Questionnaire prior to participation at any level at a new school. The amendment also reorganizes the flow of section 443 to be more consistent.

C. Proposed Amendment

Sections 443 and 1205(c) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 443: CHANGING SCHOOLS FOR ATHLETIC PURPOSES

A (f) NEW STUDENT ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE. THE NEW STUDENT ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE (PAGE 1 OF THE PAPF) IS REQUIRED FOR **ANY NEW STUDENT** IN GRADES 9-12. THE NEW STUDENT ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE SHALL BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN ANY CONTEST AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL, INCLUDING VARSITY AND SUB VARSITY / JUNIOR VARSITY ATHLETICS.

B (e) PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM (PAPF). An individual is presumed to have changed schools for athletic purposes if he or she participated with his or her former school in any UIL athletic contest or practice in grades eight through twelve during any previous school year until:

- (1) the student's parents change their residence to the new school or attendance zone; (Refer to Section 442 (g) for a student who changes residence with a separated parent);
- (2) a representative of the previous school sign a PAPF stating that the student was not recruited to the new school and did not change schools or attendance zones for athletic purposes;
- (3) a representative of the new school signs a PAPF stating that the student was not recruited and is not changing schools for athletic purposes;
- (4) the District Executive Committee approves the completed PAPF.

NOTE: The District Executive Committee is not bound to determining only the status of students who participated at another school the previous or current year, as it relates to changing schools for athletic purposes.

C (h) NO PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM SIGNATURE FROM PREVIOUS SCHOOL REQUIRED. The Previous Athletic Participation Forms (PAGE 2 OF PAPF) are not required TO BE SIGNED BY A PREVIOUS SCHOOL if the student did not practice or participate with his or her former school in grades eight through twelve or if the student was required to change schools because the school district or attendance zone lines were changed by the school board or other appropriate authority.

D (a) Determination by district executive committee. The District Executive Committee is to determine whether or not a student changed schools for athletic purposes, when considering each student who changed schools and has completed the eighth grade, whether or not the student has represented a school in grades nine through twelve.

E (b) Common Indicators. District Executive Committees should look closely to determine if a student is changing schools for any athletic purpose. Some common indicators committees should include in their considerations include, but are not limited to: checking to see if a student was recruited; ascertaining whether a student was in good standing in the previous school, either academically or in a sports program; determining if a student was unhappy with a coach in the previous school; determining if a student played on a non-school team and is transferring to the school where members of the non-school team attend; determining if a student played on a non-school team and is transferring to the school where the non-school team coach or a relative of the non-school team coach, is the school coach; and determining if a student received individual or team instruction from a school coach and is transferring to the school of that coach.

(F) ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION BY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- (1) If the District Executive Committee where the student attends school finds that the student did not change schools for athletic purposes and meets all the criteria listed in Section 442, it shall declare the student eligible if he/she meets all other eligibility requirements.
- (2) If the District Executive Committee where the student now attends school finds that the student did not change schools for athletic purposes, it may declare that student eligible even though the school district from which he or she moved refused to sign the PAPF. (Extreme caution should be used in granting eligibility under this condition.)
- (3) If the District Executive Committee where the student now lives finds at any time that the change was made for athletic purposes, it shall declare that student ineligible to participate in athletic contests for one year. This may include a student who did not compete at the previous school. If the committee decides that the period of ineligibility should be longer than one year, the committee shall transfer the case to the State Executive Committee. Subject to Section 403 (f) and 463 (2)(A), a student who has established varsity eligibility under this section at a member school but who subsequently enrolls in another member school and is found to have changed schools for athletic purposes remains eligible at the school, where eligibility was first established.
- (4) When officials from both the sending and receiving schools agree that a student changed schools for athletic purposes, the State Executive Committee will not hear or grant an appeal.

G (e) INELIGIBLE. A student who changes schools for athletic purposes is not eligible to compete in varsity UIL athletic contest(s) at the school to which he or she moves for at least one calendar year, even if both parents move to the new school district attendance zone. Refer to (e) below.

(1) Exception:

- (A) One time only, intra-district transfer students are eligible for one varsity athletic activity that was not offered at their previous school. The student must wait one calendar year before gaining eligibility for any other varsity athletic contest. If a student who has been granted participation under this section returns to the school in the attendance zone where the parents reside, a Previous Athletic Participation Form shall be furnished to the District Executive Committee, who will rule on the student's eligibility at that school.

H (d) LENGTH OF INELIGIBILITY. The District Executive Committee for the district into which the student moves shall determine when or if a student who moves for athletic purposes becomes eligible. Refer to (c (new g)) ~~above~~ and (f)(3) ~~below~~ above.

I (g) Minimum Penalty. IF A NEW STUDENT ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE OR Previous Athletic Participation Form was not filed prior to competition and it was an inadvertent error and the student is actually eligible under Subchapter M of the Constitution, the District Executive Committee is not required to demand forfeiture or to rule the student ineligible. The committee may assess the minimum penalty of reprimand. REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION COULD SUBJECT THE SCHOOL IN QUESTION TO THE RANGE OF PENALTIES, IN SECTIONS 29 (DEC) AND 27 (SEC), INCLUDING ENHANCED PENALTY FACTORS.

NOTE: (f) and (h) above speak to the applicability of the Previous Athletic Participation Form as it relates to students who have or have not represented another school in grades nine through twelve in either varsity or sub varsity competition. Section 403 (c) prohibits students from changing schools for athletic purposes.

Section 1205: ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

(c) PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM. SEE SECTION 443. ~~The Previous Athletic Participation Form is required if a new student in grades 9-12 practiced or participated with his or her former school in grades eight through twelve during any previous school year in any athletic activity.~~

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

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2025, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Section 465(b)(3) and Section 468(a)(3), *Foreign Exchange Students*, would outline the process for foreign exchange students to participate in varsity sports. It mandates approval from the District Executive Committee before foreign exchange students can apply for a waiver to bypass the parent residency requirement.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This amendment requires a foreign exchange student seeking a waiver from the parent residency requirement to first obtain approval from the District Executive Committee via a Foreign Exchange Participation Form. The DEC will review the student's application, considering factors such as prior participation of foreign exchange students in the same varsity sport at the school, prior advanced training in their home country, national rankings or participation on a national team and any influence of athletic abilities on placement with a host or school. Upon approval of the form, the student may then apply for a Foreign Exchange Waiver, enabling them to participate in varsity sports.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 465(b)(3) and 468(a)(3) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

- (3) *Foreign Exchange Students*. The waiver of the residence requirement of a foreign exchange student may be granted under the following conditions:
- (A) FOREIGN EXCHANGE PARTICIPATION FORM: FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS MUST HAVE A FOREIGN EXCHANGE PARTICIPATION FORM (FEPF) APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BEFORE APPLYING FOR A FOREIGN EXCHANGE WAIVER.
 - a. A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT MAY SUBMIT AN FEPF IF THE SCHOOL HAS NOT ESTABLISHED A PATTERN, USING PREVIOUS YEARS, OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE PARTICIPATION IN A SPECIFIC SPORT IN WHICH THE STUDENT PARTICIPATED IN THEIR HOME COUNTRY.
 - b. THE DEC MAY APPROVE THE FEPF IF IT FINDS THAT THE STUDENT:
 - 1. DID NOT CHANGE SCHOOLS FOR ATHLETIC PURPOSES, AND
 - 2. has not received advanced training (defined as training which is above and beyond that which is normally provided in Texas public schools) in the germane activity prior to arriving in Texas, such as pre-Olympic training, being nationally ranked or having similar status in a sport, or participation on a national team, and
 - 3. has not been placed with a host or a school based on athletic interests or abilities, whether initiated or caused by a student, a natural or host parent, a school, a program or any other interested party.
 - (B) FOREIGN EXCHANGE WAIVER: The waiver of the residence requirement of a foreign exchange student may be granted under the following conditions:
 - a. a copy of the student's J-1 visa and certification papers from the approved CSIET (Council on Standards for International Educational Travel) United States Foreign Exchange Program accompanies the waiver form; AND
 - b. A CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF SCHOOLING PROVIDED BY THE PLACEMENT AGENCY VERIFIES THAT the exchange student has not completed four years of high school attendance and/or graduated from high school; and
 - c. the exchange student meets all other University Interscholastic League eligibility rules.
 - d. A foreign exchange student must apply for and receive an approved waiver before the district certification deadline.

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

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2025, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY
Passed the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to expand the jurisdiction of the State Executive Committee (SEC) as it relates to investigating schools with an inordinate number of Previous Athletic Participation Forms (PAPF) for new students
- b. A proposal to provide a penalty the State Executive Committee (SEC) could impose on a UIL District Executive Committee (DEC) or Music Region Executive Committee when it is determined that the Committee is acting in a manner inconsistent with the rules of the C&CR
- c. A proposal to update requirements for filing a PAPF and mandate completion of the New Student Eligibility Questionnaire prior to participation at any level at a new school
- d. A proposal to outline the process for foreign exchange students to participate in varsity sports mandating approval from the District Executive Committee before foreign exchange students can apply for a waiver to bypass the parent residency requirement

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

- a. A proposal to add ballet folklórico as a UIL sanctioned event
- b. A proposal to add dance as a UIL sanctioned event