

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

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposal***

This amendment to Section 1466, *Science I and II*, would change the event structure of A+ Science from the current Science I and Science II contest for grades 7 and 8 to a combined A+ Science contest that would be open to students in grades 6-8.

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

Currently, students in grades 7 take the Science I test and grade 8 the Science II test. Moving to one A+ Science event would align the structure with the A+ Calculator Applications and A+ Mathematics contests, correlate the test more closely to the high school Science contest, and would remove barriers to participation that exist with the current Science I and II format.

***C. Proposal***

Section 1466 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1466: SCIENCE ~~I and II~~

(a) THE CONTEST.

(2) Contest Format. Each test will consist of approximately ~~35~~ 50 objective questions that will be taken primarily from current state-adopted science textbooks and the curriculum. Forty-five minutes will be allotted for the testing period exclusive of time required for instructions.

(b) REPRESENTATION.

(1) Contestants. Students in officially prescribed grade levels below 9th grade who are eligible under Section 1400 or 1405 may enter ~~each division of this contest~~ ~~only one time~~.

(2) Divisions. Districts shall offer either a separate division for each ~~participating~~ grade level OR COMBINED GRADE LEVEL DIVISIONS AS SPECIFIED IN OFFICIAL CONTEST PROCEDURES.

***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***

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2021.