

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Section 380, *Annual Contests*, Section 900, *High School Academic Contests*, Section 902, *General Regulations* and Section 926, *High School Computer Applications Contest* would phase out Computer Applications as a contest over a period of three years.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

The Computer Applications contest has declined in participation over the past 10 years with only 38% participation in 2019 at district competition. Apple and Google hardware and software that are used by many school districts are not compatible with the requirements of the competition. A superintendent survey in 2020 indicated 82% approval to phase out the event by August 1, 2024.

C. Proposed Amendment

Sections 380, 900, 902 and 926 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows for the 2024-25 school year, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 380 (a) ANNUAL CONTESTS, as follows:
~~(13) Computer Applications~~

Section 900 (b) HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC CONTESTS.
~~(4) Computer Applications~~

Section 902 (h) (1) QUALIFYING FOR ADVANCEMENT
~~(Q) Three Computer Applications~~

Section 902 (k) (3) Schedule of Points.
OTHER ACADEMIC CONTESTS
~~Computer Applications~~

~~Section 926: High School Computer Applications Contest~~

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, 2022 with the contest end date following the 2023-24 school year.