

## Section 6: COMPUTATION OF TIME TO ACT

- (a) COUNTING AFTER AN EVENT. When action is required within a specified period of time after a specific act or occurrence, counting starts the day after the act or occurrence. Do not count Saturday, Sunday, or federal or state holidays.
- (b) COUNTING BEFORE AN EVENT. When action is required within a specified period of time before a specific occurrence, counting ends the day before the act or occurrence. Count backwards beginning with the day prior to the event to find the date action should be taken. Do not count Saturday, Sunday, or federal or state holidays.

## Subchapter D. MEMBERSHIP IN UIL

## Section 10: QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

A public school district or open enrollment charter school in Texas that is subject to accreditation by the Texas Education Agency, or a private school subject to accreditation by the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission, may become a member of the UIL in accordance with the following:

- (a) ALL HIGH SCHOOLS. A high school must fit the definition of "High School" in Section 5 in order to be eligible to participate in UIL competition.
- (b) PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND OPEN ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS. Unless its right to participate has been suspended or revoked by the UIL, an open enrollment charter school, and a public high school, junior high school or elementary school of a school district that is a member of the UIL and for which the district has paid the annual participation fee, is eligible to participate in UIL competition.
- (c) PRIVATE SCHOOLS. Unless its right to participate has been suspended or revoked for violating rules or codes by another league similar to the UIL, a Texas non-public school may apply for UIL membership in the largest conference provided the school meets all the following conditions:
  - (1) school is accredited by the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission;
  - (2) school does not qualify for membership in any other organization similar to the UIL.

## Section 11: ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

A school seeking membership in the UIL shall submit its application to the Executive Director. If the application (a) demonstrates that the school district or open enrollment charter school is eligible for membership, (b) states that the school board and superintendent comply and will comply

with applicable state law, Texas Education Agency regulations and the terms of participation in UIL contests as set out in the *Constitution and Contest Rules*, (c) is signed by the superintendent, and (d) is accompanied by payment of the annual membership fee, the Executive Director shall enroll the school as a member of the UIL.

## Section 12: MEMBERSHIP DUES

- (a) ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES. A member school shall pay annual membership dues in an amount determined by the Legislative Council.

## Section 13: INITIAL AND CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP AND RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE

- (a) NEW MEMBERSHIP. After enrollment as a new member but before membership can be effective, a school must provide certification from the school superintendent that the school superintendent, member secondary school principals, and all coaches, sponsors, and directors of UIL activities have completed the new school training required by the UIL Legislative Council. All school personnel required to complete the training must do so no later than August 15 of the first school year in which the school will be participating in UIL activities. Any member school superintendent or secondary school principal who is employed after August 15 must complete the training within 60 days of employment in that position. Any school employee assigned as a UIL coach, director, or sponsor after August 15 must complete the training prior to the first organized activity.
- (b) CONTINUATION. A member school or school district may continue its membership by paying the annual membership fee before October 1 for the membership year of August 1 through July 31. If it fails to pay the annual fee before October 1, a school's or school district's membership may be suspended. Eligibility to participate in activities after this time is subject to decision of the State Executive Committee. If a member school or school district fails to pay its fee before January 1, the school's or school district's membership for the current school year may be terminated. If the school's membership is terminated, the school or school district may reapply for membership.
- (c) SCHOOL PERSONNEL TRAINING. A member school's right to continue to participate in UIL contests is subject to certification by the school superintendent that the superintendent, member secondary school principals, and all coaches, sponsors, and directors of UIL activities have completed the annual training required by the Legislative Council.

- (d) **LOSS OF ACCREDITATION.** A school district that loses its accreditation by the Texas Education Agency, or a private school that loses accreditation by the Texas Private School Commission, ceases to be a member at the end of the membership year in which the loss occurs.
- (e) **DELINQUENT FEES.** A school that participates in a UIL contest while its membership dues are delinquent may be suspended from participating in UIL contests in the current and following school year, unless the State Executive Committee finds on petition by the school or school district that there was a reasonable explanation for the failure to make timely payment.

#### Section 14: MANDATORY SUSPENSION

- (a) A member school district and/or member school that files a lawsuit, which must be defended by the UIL, shall reimburse the UIL for all legal fees incurred to defend the suit upon a finding by the Court that the lawsuit was frivolous.
- (b) The State Executive Committee shall suspend from participation in all UIL activities, for a period of one to three years, a member school district and/or member school which, after receiving written notice, fails to reimburse the UIL within 90 days for all legal expenses incurred in defending a frivolous lawsuit.

#### Subchapter E. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

#### Section 20: COMPOSITION OF THE UIL

The UIL is composed of the Texas public schools and private schools that apply and are accepted for enrollment as members of the UIL.

#### Section 21: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR

The superintendent of a member school district, or if there is no superintendent (or designee), the chief administrator of a member district or school (or designee):

- (a) shall exercise direction and management of all UIL contests and scrimmages in which schools in the district compete, including appointing a game administrator for all home UIL varsity athletic team contests;
- (b) shall enforce all UIL rules concerning eligibility and health and safety with respect to students in schools in the school district;
- (c) shall be responsible for fully cooperating with persons who are appointed by the chair of the District

Executive Committee, the chair of the State Executive Committee or the UIL Executive Director, to investigate allegations against the school, student representatives or school district personnel;

- (d) shall promptly report to the District Executive Committee, or other appropriate UIL committee, any violation of the *Constitution and Contest Rules* by a student, a member school within the school district or other school district, school personnel or a sports official unless the violation has already been reported;
- (e) shall provide the District Executive Committee with full disclosure when a student's grade, given by a teacher, is modified by an administrator in such a manner that affects UIL eligibility;
- (f) may determine for which schools within the school district the membership fee is paid;
- (g) shall submit to the school board all recommendations of employment of coaches, directors and sponsors;
- (h) shall complete the Professional Acknowledgment Form for all of the school district's athletic coaches and sponsors of UIL academic, theatre and music activities (grades 9-12) at the beginning of their tenure in that position. These forms shall be kept on file in the superintendent's office;
- (i) shall provide an annual orientation for all 9-12 grade UIL directors, sponsors, advisers and coaches regarding UIL rules, expectations regarding appropriate conduct during UIL contests, goals and purposes;
- (j) shall approve all athletic schedules; and
- (k) shall educate UIL student participants, coaches and other appropriate persons, including any school representative serving on a District or Regional Executive Committee, on UIL rules that could affect them, and monitor the school's compliance with UIL rules.

#### Section 22: UIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- (a) **APPOINTMENT.** The President of The University of Texas at Austin appoints a person to serve at his or her pleasure as the Executive Director of the UIL. The Executive Director is an employee of The University of Texas at Austin.
- (b) **SUPERVISION.** The Executive Director of the UIL is supervised by the Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement of The University of Texas at Austin.
- (c) **RESPONSIBILITIES.** The Executive Director of the UIL has the responsibility:
  - (1) to serve as the chief administrative officer of the UIL;