

Belton Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item

July 21, 2025

Item: Consider, Discuss, and Take Appropriate Action Regarding Resolution on Participation of Non-Enrolled Students in University Interscholastic League Activities

Contact Person: Dr. Michael Morgan

Presented for: ☒ Action ☐ Report Only

Supporting Documents: ☐ None ☒ Attached ☐ Provided Later

District Goal or Objective Addressed:

Goal 5: Maximize our use of resources for both current priorities and plans for the future.

Background Information:

Texas Senate Bill 401, effective at the start of the 2025-2026 school year, mandates public schools to offer University Interscholastic League (UIL) participation to eligible homeschooled students residing in their attendance boundaries, unless the local school board opts out by September 1, 2025. This decision is based on the commitment to maintaining consistent standards, equitable competition, and the integrity of UIL extracurricular programs for all participants enrolled in Belton ISD.

The participation for non-enrolled students has been allowed by UIL schools since 2021, but only 46 public and charter schools participated for the 2024-2025 school year. Given the complexities and potential risks, the recommendation is to decline participation for the upcoming school year. This allows for a thorough assessment of implications and developing comprehensive plans for addressing the associated challenges.

Fiscal Implications:

None

Administrative Recommendation(s):

The Administration recommends the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution Regarding Participation of Non-Enrolled Students in University Interscholastic League Activities and allow the administration to bring policy to the Board declining to grant non-enrolled students the opportunity to participate in UIL activities for the 2025-2026 school year.