

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GROESBECK ISD:
PROHIBITION OF NON-ENROLLED STUDENTS FROM
PARTICIPATION IN UIL ACTIVITIES**

WHEREAS, the University Interscholastic League (UIL) governs and regulates extracurricular activities, including athletics, for public school students in the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 401 of the 89th Texas Legislature (2025) allows for the participation of “non-enrolled” students in UIL activities, but raises concerns about fairness and the integrity of public school extracurricular programs; and

WHEREAS, students enrolled in public schools are held to rigorous academic and behavioral standards, which are not necessarily applicable to non-enrolled students, creating an uneven playing field in athletic and other extracurricular competition; and

WHEREAS, homeschool and private school settings in Texas are not regulated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and therefore do not meet the same academic, instructional, and accountability standards as public schools, resulting in a lack of transparency and verification of a non-enrolled student's academic standing, attendance, or conduct; and

WHEREAS, the lack of oversight by public school administrators and coaches over non-enrolled students’ academic progress and behavioral conduct creates potential risks of violations, penalties, and compromises the overall integrity of UIL programs; and

WHEREAS, public school students must meet Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) standards and participate in state-mandated assessments, while non-enrolled students are not bound by these standards, leading to concerns about uneven academic eligibility for UIL activities; and

WHEREAS, the participation of non-enrolled students in UIL activities may disrupt team unity, undermine the authority of public school educators, and give an unfair competitive advantage due to differences in instructional time, flexibility for specialized training, and lack of alignment with team-wide codes of conduct; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of non-enrolled students in UIL activities threatens to erode the culture of teamwork, leadership, and responsibility that is central to the educational mission of public school extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the district respects the rights of parents and families to choose to participate in homeschool or private school settings, but it is also committed to upholding fairness, integrity, and accountability in all District extracurricular activities, including athletics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Groesbeck ISD adopts the following policy:

1. **Eligibility for UIL Activities:** To be eligible for participation in UIL extracurricular activities, including athletics, students must be enrolled full-time in this district.
2. **No Participation for Non-Enrolled Students:** Homeschool students, as well as students enrolled in private or charter schools that are not part of the district, shall not be eligible to participate in UIL activities governed by Groesbeck ISD.
3. **Rationale for Policy:** This resolution ensures that all students participating in UIL activities are subject to consistent oversight, regulatory standards, and academic benchmarks, including the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and state assessments. Additionally, this policy preserves the integrity of the district's extracurricular programs by maintaining accountability, team unity, and fair competition.
4. **Implementation:** The district administration will provide appropriate guidance and enforcement of this policy, ensuring that all UIL participants meet the requirements of full-time enrollment in the district, and that no non-enrolled students are allowed to participate in district-sponsored UIL activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Groesbeck ISD will adopt amendments to its **Board Policy FM (LOCAL)** and **FD(LOCAL)** to reflect the policy above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Groesbeck ISD encourages other Texas school districts to adopt similar policies in order to maintain fairness, accountability, and the integrity of UIL programs across the state.

Adopted this _____, 2025 by the Board of Trustees of Groesbeck ISD.