

April Update UIL Participation

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Homeschool Opt In - Area Districts

- Abilene ISD
- Abilene Wylie ISD



Homeschool Opt Out - Area Districts

- Borden County ISD
- Hermleigh ISD
- Forsan ISD
- Sweetwater ISD
- Clyde ISD
- Coahoma ISD
- Ira ISD
- Jim Ned ISD
- Wall ISD
- Post ISD



Homeschool Opt In - 2-4A Division II

- Pecos ISD
- Seminole ISD- voted no last year



Homeschool Opt Out - 2-4A Division II

- Fort Stockton ISD
- Monahans ISD
- Big Spring ISD



Research - Abilene Wylie ISD

- Visited Abilene Wylie ISD with three Board Members
- District has participated in the program for the past six years
- Original intent was to increase participation in extracurricular activities; minimal impact on overall numbers
- Approximately 15–20 homeschool students participate annually
- Majority of participants have been homeschooled their entire academic career



Research - Abilene Wylie ISD

- Reviewed enrollment process for homeschool students participating in extracurricular activities
- Discussed academic accountability measures, including grade checks at the end of each six-week grading period



Research - Abilene Wylie ISD

- Students cannot transition to homeschool after the school year has begun to participate in extracurricular activities
- Homeschool students are issued a school ID and are required to check in each day they are on campus
- Participation has occurred across multiple extracurricular programs, including football, baseball, volleyball, band, swimming, track, golf, UIL One Act Play, and debate
- Clear boundaries are required for homeschool students during the school day. For example, the district has had to address situations where homeschool students participating in golf were at the golf course during school hours



Additional Research

- Previous Athletic Participation Form (PAPF) is required upon enrollment; however, there is no clear UIL guidance on how this should be completed for homeschool students
- Districts need clarity on whether homeschool students can be charged a participation fee. Abilene Wylie ISD does not charge; potential consideration would be to offset sport-specific expenses
- If allowed, establishing clear criteria for acceptance is essential, including eligibility expectations for homeschool students to participate in extracurricular activities





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