

Killeen Independent School District Board Agenda Item Information Sheet

Date: July 8, 2025

Agenda Item Caption: Discussion of Senate Bill 401 of the 89th Texas Legislative Session and the Proposed Revision of Board Policy FM (Local), to Decline Participation of Non-Enrolled (Homeschool) Students in Extracurricular Activities at Killeen ISD Campuses, including Activities Governed by the University Interscholastic League (UIL)

Purpose of Agenda Item: Information; for discussion and future consideration.

Administrative Recommendation: Place on the next consent agenda to approve the proposed revision of Board Policy FM (Local), allowing the district to decline participation of non-enrolled (homeschool) students in extracurricular activities in Killeen ISD, including activities governed by the University Interscholastic League, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

Background Information: Senate Bill 401, passed by the 89th Texas Legislature, allows non-enrolled (homeschool) students to participate in University Interscholastic League (UIL) extracurricular activities at their zoned public-school campus, beginning in the 2025–2026 school year. However, school districts may formally opt out by board approval prior to September 1, 2025. If a district does not opt out, participation becomes mandatory.

SB 401 builds upon prior legislation (HB 347 and HB 3708), which outlines eligibility requirements and provides a \$1,500 stipend per activity per homeschool participant to ISDs. Homeschool students must:

- Reside in the school's attendance zone
- Submit scores from a norm-referenced standardized test
- Maintain passing grades (parent-verified)
- Meet all UIL requirements (fees, tryouts, discipline policies, physicals, etc.)
- Not have been enrolled in public school earlier in the same year

If a student's zoned campus opts out, they may participate at the nearest district campus that permits participation.

While there are potential community and public relations benefits, these are outweighed by the logistical and philosophical challenges presented. After careful consideration and consultation with Killeen ISD high school fine arts department and athletic coordinators, district leadership recommends opting out of participation of non-enrolled students in UIL activities.

Fiscal Analysis: None

Regulatory Requirement: None

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Attachments: 1) Presentation

2) Proposed Revision of Board Policy FM (Local)

Signature Requested: No