

# HB 547 - Homeschool Participation

The following amendments were passed by the UIL Legislative Council to address changes implemented by [87\(R\).HB 547](#).

- UIL rule amendments passed by the UIL Legislative Council regarding [Non-Enrolled \(Home Schooled\) Students](#)
- Schools that have chosen to allow homeschool participation for the 2021-2022 school year: [Schools/Conference](#)

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## FAQ

**Does each school district get to decide whether or not to allow homeschool students to participate?**

Yes

**Who has the authority to determine if homeschool participation is allowed– the school board, superintendent, or athletic director?**

**Do UIL rules in response to HB 547 affect the ability of schools to schedule scrimmage games against homeschool teams?**

**I heard the decision for varsity participation needs to be made by August 1. Is that correct?**

**Will homeschool students that participate be counted in our snapshot count for realignment purposes?**

Homeschool students are not counted in the snapshot count for realignment purposes.

**If a district decides to allow homeschool students to participate, can the district reverse that decision anytime in the future (and discontinue allowing homeschool students to participate)?**

**If a district allows homeschool students to participate in one UIL activity, does the district need to allow homeschool students to participate in all UIL activities (athletics, academics, and fine arts)?**

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**Can homeschool students also participate in junior high UIL activities?**

**Are homeschool students eligible to participate on varsity?**

**May a home school student receive instruction from a private coach outside of the 60 minute athletic period?**

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**If a school district offers school(s) choice (magnet schools, etc), does the home school student have the option to choose where they will participate upon first opportunity?**

**What will be the process for homeschool students to gain eligibility? For example, will there be a homeschool PAPF form? Will they still need to wait 15 days before they are eligible?**

**Can a student start participating in the middle of the school year?**

**If a student begins the school year in a public school and then transitions into home schooling, could the student participate in UIL activities at the school as a non-enrolled student?**

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**Who administers the standardized test to determine eligibility for the first six weeks? Who pays for the test?**

**Are these students allowed to practice if they are not eligible due to their standardized test score or grades?**

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**Do you have any recommendations or guidelines regarding what the fee should be to participate?**

**Will these students be allowed to participate in the athletic period during the school day? Can we require these students to participate in the athletic period during the school day?**

**May a home school student participate in both UIL basketball and home school basketball league? Or May a home school student participate in both UIL basketball and run cross country for a home school league?**

**Do the homeschool students need to live in the district that they participate in? Or could they transfer to another district and play on JV for one year until they are eligible on varsity?**

**What options do we have if a student has code of conduct violations while participating?**