



# Senate Bill 401 (89R) Homeschool Participation in UIL Programs

# Talking Points



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- 2025-2026 UIL Schedule
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- Possible Decisions
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# Senate Bill 401 Analysis



## Facts

- SB401 Takes effect 1 September 2025
  - Board must “opt out” no later than 1 September 2025
  - Takes Effect 1 August 2026 & beyond
- Fall Sports/UII rosters are already set by this date
- 114 KISD secondary students unenrolled last year for Home School
  - 69 participated in athletics, 55 in Band, 20 in Vocal, 7 in other
- KISD does not have to accept homeschool students from outside district
- Transfers must abide by district oversight and eligibility rules
- Homeschool students are not exempt from 60min rule.
- STAAR/ACC impacts enrolled KISD students and not homeschool

## Risks

- Risks to UII eligibility could impact team records
- Impact to team culture/norms
- Increased enrollment may require additional full time equivalent (FTE) for classroom instruction
- Unable to predict initial enrollment numbers
- Enrollment could impact UII classification

## Assumptions

- Policy applies to only UII activities
- KISD will require homeschool students to participate in academic periods supporting the UII event
- KISD will not allow homeschool students who disenrolled to avoid discipline action.
- A homeschool student could join an activity midseason if not prohibited by activity procedures
- District is entitled to \$1500 annual allotment per nonenrolled student per UII activity
- Campus workload increase for enrollment/oversight

## Opportunities

- District teams improve performance with increased pool of talent
- Homeschool students may re-enroll in KISD campuses
- Funding for activities increases for each UII event

# UIL Sports Schedule



| High School      |                          | Middle School           |                      |  |  |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Sport            | 1st Day for Practice     | Sport                   | 1st Day for Practice |  |  |
| FOOTBALL         | Monday, Aug. 4th or 11th | FOOTBALL                | Wednesday, Aug. 13th |  |  |
| VOLLEYBALL       | Monday, Aug. 1st         | VOLLEYBALL              | Wednesday, Aug. 13th |  |  |
| GOLF             | Wednesday, Aug. 13th*    | CROSS COUNTRY           | Wednesday, Aug. 13th |  |  |
| TEAM TENNIS      | Wednesday, Aug. 13th*    |                         |                      |  |  |
| CROSS COUNTRY    | Wednesday, Aug. 13th*    | GIRLS BASKETBALL        | Monday, Nov. 3rd     |  |  |
| SWIM             | Wednesday, Aug. 13th*    | BOYS BASKETBALL         | Monday, Nov. 3rd     |  |  |
|                  |                          | TRACK                   | Monday, Feb. 9th     |  |  |
| POWERLIFTING     | Wednesday, Aug. 13th*    |                         |                      |  |  |
| GIRLS BASKETBALL | Wednesday, Oct. 22nd     | GIRLS SOCCER            | Tuesday, Mar. 24th   |  |  |
| BOYS BASKETBALL  | Wednesday, Oct. 29th     | BOYS SOCCER             | Tuesday, Mar. 24th   |  |  |
| WRESTLING        | Wednesday, Aug. 13th*    | GOLF                    | Tuesday, Mar. 24th   |  |  |
| GIRLS SOCCER     | Monday, Dec. 1st         | SWIM                    | Tuesday, Mar. 24th   |  |  |
| BOYS SOCCER      | Monday, Dec. 1st         | TENNIS                  | Tuesday, Mar. 24th   |  |  |
|                  |                          | *No official Start Date |                      |  |  |
| TRACK            | Wednesday, Jan. 7th*     |                         |                      |  |  |
| SPRING TENNIS    | Wednesday, Jan. 7th      |                         |                      |  |  |
| SOFTBALL         | Friday, Jan. 9th         |                         |                      |  |  |
| BASEBALL         | Friday, Jan. 16th        |                         |                      |  |  |

# UIL Fine Arts/Academic Schedule



| High School                 |                            | Middle School      |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Event                       | 1st Day for Practice       | Event              | 1st Day for Practice       |
| ACADEMICS                   |                            | ACADEMICS          |                            |
| JOURNALISM                  |                            |                    |                            |
| SPEECH/DEBATE               |                            | A+ Academic Meet   | Wednesday, August 13, 2025 |
| THEATRE                     | Wednesday, August 13, 2025 | THEATRE            | Wednesday, August 13, 2025 |
| MUSIC                       |                            | MUSIC              |                            |
| CONCERT/SIGHT READ          | Wednesday, August 13, 2025 | CONCERT/SIGHT READ | Wednesday, August 13, 2025 |
| MARCHING BAND               | Monday, July 21, 2025      |                    |                            |
| SOLO & ENSEMBLE - All Music | Monday, December 1, 2025   |                    |                            |
| SPIRIT                      |                            |                    |                            |
| CHEER                       | Monday, July 21, 2025      |                    |                            |
| *No official Start Date     |                            |                    |                            |

# Current Administrative Procedures



- Student registers online at appropriate campus ([Student Services / Now Enrolling](#))
- Grade level verification
  - Homeschool transcript from an accredited program
  - Grade Placement test (third party administered)

# Possible Decisions



- ☐ KISD Board opts out prior to September 1, 2025, by adoption of Board Policy. Does not allow homeschool children to participate in UIL events.

**OR**

- ☐ KISD Board takes no action and allows homeschool children to participate in UIL events starting September 1, 2025.

**YES/NO**

- ☐ KISD accepts only in-district homeschool students in year one to assess numbers and refine processes.

# Next Steps: If “In”



- District develops homeschool specific procedures to cover all UIL activities, in alignment with Board Policy and UIL Policy
- Procedures updates for specific UIL programs
- Develop information sheet for public on how to enroll homeschool students on respective campuses
- End of season surveys created to assess impacts of homeschool participation
- Consider early summer enrollment date for SY 26-27