

Consider approval of adopting a policy declining to grant non-enrolled students the opportunity to participate in league (UIL) activities.

1. Background

Currently, under HB 547 (the UIL Equal Access Bill), homeschool students can participate in UIL activities in districts that “opt-in”, following specific rules and procedures, by August 1, 2023. Recently, SB 401 was passed which allows school districts to decline granting non-enrolled students the opportunity to participate, while clarifying that non-enrolled students can generally only participate at the school they would be eligible to attend based on residency. This bill takes effect for the 2025-2026 school year. No later than August 1, 2025, the board of trustees of a school district may adopt a policy declining to grant non-enrolled students the opportunity to participate in league (UIL) activities.

2. Process:

Under HB 5467, in 2023, SWISD did not “opt-in” to allow homeschool students to participate in league (UL) activities, it was determined that students must be enrolled as full time students at the campus they wish to represent. The board of trustees would need to adopt a policy declining to grant non-enrolled student access to participate in league (UIL) activities at SWISD, by August 1, 2025.

3. Fiscal Impact

None

4. Recommendation

That the Board adopt a policy declining to grant non-enrolled student access to participate in league (UIL) activities at SWISD, effective immediately.

5. Required

Board Action.