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UIL ACTIVITIES

State Board and University Interscholastic League (UIL) rules shall govern interscholastic activities. However, Board policies and District rules may supplement State Board and UIL rules.

No event shall be scheduled and no student shall be allowed to participate in any UIL event unless all pertinent rules and regulations are strictly enforced. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain all necessary records and reports. Sponsors and coaches shall be responsible for knowledge of and compliance with rules for eligibility and participation. [See FM]

HIGH SCHOOL UIL
ELIGIBILITY

In the District, high school is defined as grades 9–12 for UIL purposes. High school athletic eligibility is based upon UIL rules and regulations and Board policy. The first opportunity, for UIL purposes, to attend high school in the District is in grade 9.

Grade 9 students may participate in high school athletics and must do so through the high school feeder system in which they are enrolled. Students enrolled at Ector, Bowie, and Crockett ~~middle Junior High~~ Schools may only participate at Odessa High School, and students enrolled at Bonham, Hood, and Nimitz ~~middle Junior High~~ Schools may participate at Permian High School.

All decisions about grade 9 students moving to the high school to participate in athletics shall be made by the athletic director after having a conference with the athlete, the coach, and the parents involved.

If a student changes high school attendance zones, either by moving within the District or by moving out of the District and returning, and has participated in a UIL athletic contest at any level at the high school, he or she may become eligible at the high school of his or her new attendance zone by obtaining a previous athletic participation form signed by the former coach, the new coach, the principal, and the athletic director.

A student enrolled in New Tech Odessa may participate in UIL activities at his or her home high school if the student satisfies all eligibility requirements of the UIL and the District.

TRANSFER REVIEW

A student athlete who transfers from one school attendance zone to another and wants to participate in athletics must go before the District transfer committee if allegations are lodged concerning possible recruiting. All such allegations must be made in writing and must be signed. After hearing testimony, the committee shall determine if the transfer was for athletic reasons. Any citizen who has information on the transfer shall be permitted to testify before the committee. The athlete shall be allowed to practice but shall not participate until the review is complete.

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ATHLETIC PROGRAM	<p>A well-rounded program of interscholastic athletics shall be maintained in the District's secondary schools. The operation of the total program, including the starting and ending dates for each sport, shall be in accordance with regulations set by the UIL and the Board.</p> <p>Supervision of the program shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent, but certain responsibilities may be delegated to other staff members. In each school, the principal shall have direct responsibility to maintain the athletic program as an integral part of the educational program of that school.</p> <p>Interschool competitive athletics shall not be part of the elementary grades' program. To the extent practicable, a program of intra-school sports activities for elementary students shall be maintained as part of the physical education program.</p>
NON-UIL ACTIVITIES	<p>Contests and competitive activities that are sponsored by outside organizations shall not be recommended to students unless the activities supplement and do not interfere with the regular school program. Contests and competitive activities shall have the prior approval of the Superintendent or designee, who shall develop the necessary rules and regulations to implement this policy. [See FM]</p>
OVERNIGHT TRIPS	<p>Students involved in a UIL competition that requires an overnight trip shall have their expenses paid by the District. [See also FM, FMG]</p>
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CENTER	<p>A student may not participate in or attend any extracurricular activities conducted by the District while enrolled at the alternative education center.</p>