

SENATE BILL 401

UIL Participation for Homeschool
Students



Overview of Senate Bill 401

- Passed by Texas Legislature
- Allows homeschool students to participate in UIL extracurricular activities at zoned public schools
- Requires ISD opt-out vote by **September 1, 2025**, for 2025–26 school year
- Builds on HB 347 (2015) and HB 3708 (2023)

Key Provisions of SB 401

- Participation allowed at zoned campus unless opted out
- Homeschoolers must meet eligibility standards:
 - Norm-referenced test once every 2 years
 - Parent-verified grades after 6 weeks
 - Must follow all UIL rules and campus expectations
- Cannot participate if enrolled in public school earlier that year

Athletic and Fine Arts Input

Position: Oppose / Recommend Opting Out

Themes from Feedback:

1. Increased administrative burden without additional funding or staffing.
2. No academic oversight (parent-verified grades)
3. Discipline enforcement challenges for students outside the traditional school structure.
4. Unfair competitive advantage due to flexible homeschool schedules.
5. Strains limited resources – coaching, facilities, time
6. Risk of recruiting abuses and loss of students to nearby districts that opt in.
7. Loss of student identity and school culture
8. Perceived erosion of school culture and community identity, as homeschool students are not part of the daily school environment.
9. Surrounding Districts are also Opting Out

Addition to FM LOCAL

Killeen ISD
014906

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

FM
(LOCAL)

Non-Enrolled Students

Non-enrolled students shall not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities, including activities governed by the University Interscholastic League.

Extracurricular Activity Absences

The District shall make no distinction between absences for UIL activities and absences for other extracurricular activities approved by the Board. A student shall be allowed in a school year a maximum of ten extracurricular absences not related to post-district competition, a maximum of five absences for post-district competition prior to state, and a maximum of two absences for state competition.

Practice and Performance Time

Travel time as well as performance time shall count against the total allowable practice time except on holidays and except that no more than two hours shall be counted for the first such performance of the week.

No student shall exceed 20 hours per week of out-of-school practice and performance in all extracurricular activities in which he or she is participating.

Use of District Facilities

School-sponsored student groups may use District facilities with prior approval of the appropriate administrator. Other student groups may use District facilities in accordance with policy FNAB. |

QUESTIONS?

