

UIL Academics

OVERVIEW

The University Interscholastic League offers the most comprehensive literary and academic competitive program in the nation. It offers more than any other UIL division in terms of activities, with 22 high school and 18 elementary and junior high contests. More than a half million students participate in UIL academic contests.

In addition, the UIL sponsors the Interscholastic League Press Conference, one of the nation's oldest, largest and most highly respected student press associations.

These activities, which exist to complement the academic curriculum, are designed to motivate students as they acquire higher levels of knowledge, to challenge students to confront issues of importance, and to provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of specific skills.

EVENTS

Below are the A+ Program Events which are available for elementary and junior high students to compete in.

- Art (Grades 4-8)

- Calculator Applications (Grades 6-8)
- Creative Writing (Grade 2)
- Dictionary Skills (Grades 5-8)
- Editorial Writing (Grades 7-8)
- Impromptu Speaking (Grades 7-8)
- Listening (Grades 5-8)
- Maps, Graphs & Charts (Grades 5-8)
- Mathematics (Grades 6-8)
- Modern Oratory (Grades 7-8)
- Music Memory Contest (Grades 3-6)
- Number Sense (Grades 4-8)
- One-Act Play (Grades 6-8)
- Oral Reading (Grades 4-9)
- Ready Writing (Grades 3-8)

- Science I & II (Grades 7-8)
- Social Studies (Grades 5-8)
- Spelling (Grades 3-8)
- Storytelling (Grades 2-3)

The high school events offered are as follows:

JOURNALISM

Editorial Writing
Feature Writing
Headline Writing
News Writing Study

LANGUAGEARTS

Ready Writing
Literary Criticism
Spelling

SPEECH

Debate
Prose and Poetry
Informative & Persuasive
Lincoln-Douglas Debate
C-X Debate Handbook

THEATRE

One-Act Play

BUSINESS

Accounting
Computer Applications

MATHEMATICS, COMPUTERSCIENCE, SCIENCE

Calculator Applications
Mathematics
Science
Computer Science

Number Sense

SOCIAL STUDIES

Current Issues & Events
Social Studies

Not only is this a great way to extend knowledge and compete against other schools, but scholarships are offered to students that advance to the State UIL Academic Meet.

Through UIL academics the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation(TILF) has given over \$23 million since 1954 to more than 16,000 Texas high school students who have competed in the UIL Academic State Meet.

During a typical academic year, TILF will disburse more than \$1 million to more than 600 students attending colleges and universities throughout Texas. TILF received nearly 700 applications in 2008 and awarded 403 new and renewed 248 scholarships.