

ACADEMIC RULE CHANGES

2009-10

The following changes have been approved by the UIL Legislative Council and Texas Commissioner of Education and take effect for the 2009-10 school year. Refer to the *Constitution & Contest Rules* for official wording.



HIGH SCHOOL

- The hands-on programming team component in computer science is now part of the district meet competition.
- Points for team computer science are now awarded at the district meet.
- Maximum number of individuals who may serve as One-Act Play crew members is increased from four to five.
- All extemporaneous speaking rounds in UIL competition shall be open to the public.
- Second and third alternates shall be determined in Lincoln-Douglas debate for advancement purposes only, but shall receive no points, ranks or medals.
- Preparation time in Lincoln-Douglas debate has been increased from three to four minutes.
- In the Academic State Meet finals only, a contestant in Prose or Poetry whose performance exceeds seven minutes will be ranked last in the round, and shall not be disqualified.

A+ PROGRAM (GRADES 2-8)

- Contestants may use computers in Ready Writing.

Academic coordinators can get the full text of the UIL C&CR on the web at www.uil.utexas.edu. Coordinators can order bound copies of the C&CR from the UIL.

Want to change a UIL rule? The quickest and easiest way is to go to the UIL web site. Click on Administration. You'll find a form for submitting rule change proposals. It is usually posted in May-June.