

## Fort Worth ISD Athletic Eligibility Guidelines for Special Program Students

(Applied Learning Academy, Como Montessori, Daggett Montessori, Marine Creek Collegiate HS, Success HS, Tarrant County College – South Collegiate HS, Terrell STEM/VPA HS, Texas Academy of Biomedical Sciences, World Languages Institute)

Fort Worth ISD has a few Special Program campuses that do not offer any UIL athletics. The University Interscholastic League (UIL) allows students at these schools to participate in athletics at their home FWISD high school or middle school in the attendance zone where their parents live (see Constitution and Contest Rules, Section 406, and Appendix I Official Interpretations of the State Executive Committee: 18-08-10 Section 400(b), 403(f) and 406 (j)). Here are a few guidelines:

1. Student and parent(s) must live in the attendance zone of the FWISD high school or middle school where the student will participate.
2. High school students:
  - A) If the parents move from the home attendance zone before the student has participated two school years, the student must immediately cease participation and is only eligible to participate at the new FWISD attendance zone school. If the parents move out of the FWISD, the student is not eligible to participate at any FWISD school.
  - B) If the parents move from the home attendance zone after the student has participated at least two school years, the student may stay and continue participating, or begin participating at their new FWISD attendance zone school. If the parents move out of the FWISD, the student is not eligible at any FWISD school.
3. Students must receive permission from their parent, school principal, home attendance zone school principal, and coach (see the accompanying Athletic Participation Approval Form)
4. Students must provide their own transportation to their home high school or middle school for practices.
5. Athletic participation will not be accepted as an excuse for a student missing school time at their special program campus. Exceptions for missing school time for athletic participation may be granted if the student receives permission prior to the event from the campus principal and their teachers / professors. The principal or teachers are under no obligation to excuse student absences for any athletic-related activities.
6. The head coach is responsible for checking student completion of all related TEA/UIL/FWISD safety and eligibility requirements prior to participation in practices or events.
7. All students will follow school and team rules.
8. Students will not be allowed to participate on the school team if they cannot practice an acceptable, discernable amount of time on the same days and times other team members practice.
9. Parent residence verification documentation is required:
  - A) Copy of parent driver's license showing current address, and
  - B) Copy of a utility bill in parent name at current address or current lease agreement listing tenants, and
  - C) Student birth certificate (if student and parent have different last names) and
  - D) Home visit form (high school students only).
10. High School Athletic Coordinator: Upload the Special Program Guidelines and the completed Approval Form to the PAPF in the UIL portal.