



Community High School
UIL Academic
Student/Parent Contract
2024-2025

Community UIL Academics

The Community UIL Academic team is comprised of students from grades 9 through 12. According to the official UIL Academic website, “the purposes of the University Interscholastic League Academic contests are to motivate students through comprehensive competitions, challenge students to think critically and provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of essential knowledge and skills.” The skills and knowledge obtained through participation in UIL Academics complement those developed through the academic curriculum, serving to support and increase student achievement.

Contract Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set guidelines and policies that focus on the proper implementation of membership requirements, competition expectations, attendance, fees, and general rules.

All UIL Academic members will abide by the Community ISD Student Code of Conduct, Community High School Student Handbook, and the Community UIL Academic Contract.

Participation Requirements

UIL Academics is open to any student who wishes to participate. Students who join UIL Academics after the start of the year must sign the contract and pay their dues within one week of joining the program and before attending any events requiring school-provided transportation.

Students participating should attend at least 50% of the practice sessions from the time of joining the team (this allows for some leniency based on work/other extracurriculars). The more practices a student attends, the higher their chance of success becomes.

Students must attend two invitational meets (one Set A and one Set B or Third-Party Invitational). Students may participate in as many events as they would like and are able to at each invitational meet.

Students must attend the District Meet. District Meet entries will be determined by the students’ scores/placements at the invitational meets. A student with habitual absenteeism, who did not attend two invitationals, or who has repeated behavior issues may be replaced at the District Meet.

Officers And Roles Of Office

After the district (and any post-district) competitions each year, CHS UIL Academic team members will vote for their officers for the following school year. The UIL Academics Officers are the student leaders and assist the coaches and coordinator in

running the team. Officers must be strong competitors, highly motivated, organized, and of good character. The following positions will be filled each year.

- **President** – The first officer in command. The most visible representative for Community UIL Academics. They must be mature, dependable, outgoing, positive, and assertive, demonstrating good leadership skills. The captain may be needed to plan/coordinate events, communicate with team members, coaches, and the coordinator, and to approve certain expenditures. The president is elected by a majority vote of all active members of the UIL team (including out-going seniors).
- **Vice President** – The second officer in command. They assist the president in maintaining order amongst the team. They need to be a good leader, dependable, mature, outgoing, and caring. They will take command if the president cannot fulfill his/her duties. Vice President will be elected by a majority vote of all active members of the UIL team (including out-going seniors) They are elected separately from the UIL Academic President.
- **Social Media Manager** - The social media manager will document the activities, events, and successes of the UIL Academic program with the supervision of the UIL Academics Coordinator/Coaches. They need to be creative, dependable, and an effective communicator. They will take pictures at the conferences and meets and provide them to the Yearbook staff. The social media manager will provide another layer of communication to the UIL Academic program.

UIL Academics Officer Candidates Requirements

- Must be classified sophomore, junior, or senior for the following Community ISD calendar year.
- Must have been a member of Community UIL Academics from October-April.
- Must have been eligible to participate at each competition.
- Must be in good financial standing.
- Cannot have been placed on Academic, Conduct, or Disciplinary Probation for any length of time during the year.

Removal From Office

An officer will be removed from his/her leadership position for the following offenses:

- Placement in off-campus suspension and/or DAEP
- Use of tobacco, illegal drugs, or alcohol at any time
- Repeated failure to fulfill his/her officer/social duties
- If they fail a class for a second time
- Placement on Disciplinary or Conduct Probation
- If an officer/social leader is relieved of his/her duties for any reason, he/she may not be eligible for re-election for the next season.

An officer will not be removed from his/her position without a conference including the coordinator, the officer, and the officer's parent.

Officer Vacancies

If an officer/social leader position becomes vacant during the year, the CHS UIL Academic Coordinator will have the authority to decide if the position will be filled and how it will be filled.

Academics

In adherence to UIL guidelines, any member who receives a grade of less than a “70” or an “incomplete” at the end of any grading period will be academically ineligible for participation on the team (can lose at the first 6-Week Progress Report as well)¹. Dates to lose/regain eligibility are determined by the UIL calendar. To regain eligibility at the progress report check, the student must be passing ALL classes, not just the one that the student previously failed.

Academically ineligible team members will continue to practice with the team during probation. They may not attend any competitions during their probation.

Attendance

UIL Academic team members are expected to attend team practices, a minimum of two invitational meets, and the district competition. If a student commits to an invitational meet and cannot attend/does not show, they may be responsible for entrance fees based on the UIL Academic program’s cancellation policy. In the event of an absence, the member must attempt to contact the president by phone or email AND send an email to their coach and the UIL Academic Coordinator prior to the absence.

Cancellation Policy

Due to the timeline of registration and payment deadlines for competitions, the following cancellation policy will be in place for the 2024-2025 school year. Students who have committed to a competition and will no longer be able to attend must contact the UIL Academic Coordinator via email. Students will be responsible for entrance fees based on the following timeline:

- Notification sent two or more weeks prior to the competition - no payment needed
- Notification sent less than two weeks prior to the competition - reimburse the program for all entry fees (i.e. 2 competitions at \$8 apiece would be \$16)
 - If a student finds a replacement and the replacement acknowledges in writing/via email that they will be attending the competition, the original student will not need to reimburse for entry fees.
 - If a replacement student has acknowledged in writing/via email that they will be attending the competition, they assume responsibility for the fees.
 - Family and/or medical emergencies may be excused from this policy.

¹ With the exception of eligibility exempt courses as determined by Community ISD.

General Conduct

Certain standards are necessary for the integrity and reputation of any organization. Each member should be a leader within the school and should set a good example at all times. UIL Academic team members are expected, through their personal appearance, habits, actions, and character, to have and maintain an image and manner above reproach. Each UIL Academics member represents Community High School and Community ISD before the public at all times!

All UIL Academics members will abide by the Community ISD Student Code of Conduct, Community High School Student Handbook, and the UIL Academics Contract. Students must also follow the written and oral directives of all Community ISD employees.

Community ISD rules will be strictly applied whenever the team is officially representing Community ISD, while attending a school-sponsored activity, and while on a school sponsored trip. Each member must be aware that his/her conduct off-campus reflects on the team image and that any member who is guilty of engaging in any inappropriate and/or illegal activity will be subject to dismissal.

Any inappropriate actions that do not uphold the standards and expectations of Community High School UIL Academics may be subject to disciplinary actions by the academic coaches or UIL Academic Coordinator.

Students can be removed from the UIL Academic program for the following reasons:

- The third time a member receives academic probation. Probation does not have to occur consecutively. “Three Strikes, You’re Out”
- Receiving Expulsion or Placement in DAEP
- Excessive or severe disciplinary problems as deemed by the coaches, coordinator, and campus administrators
- Inappropriate material on social media sites or similar
- Any UIL Academic team member found in possession, transmittal, sale, attempted sale, using, or under the influence of a controlled substance, dangerous drugs, or alcohol will be subject to dismissal from the team
- Any UIL Academics member found smoking, using, or possessing tobacco products – including e-cigs and personal vaporizers – on any school property, at any school function, or while representing the school may be dismissed from the team
- Any UIL Academics member engaging in inappropriate verbal, physical, or sexual conduct may result in dismissal from the team
- Any UIL Academics member will be automatically dismissed if he/she organizes or is involved in a hazing incident
- Failure to comply with financial obligations

Should a UIL Academic team member be removed from the program, he/she will be required to return all school property and settle financial obligations within one week.

****** From time-to-time issues may arise that are not covered in this contract. When such issues are behavioral, and conduct-based, the campus administrators, UIL Academic Coordinator, and the academic coaches may exercise disciplinary action in accordance***

*with school district policies. Such behavioral and conduct offenses may lead to dismissal from the organization.****

Uniforms

The yearly dues for each year will help pay for the UIL Academics t-shirt. The current-year shirt will serve as our designated uniform. If a team member loses their shirt, they will be responsible for replacing it at full cost. Student's will pair their shirt with pants/skirt/shorts that meet with the CISD Dress Code guidelines. Financial assistance will be available for students who cannot purchase their own uniform.

Please ensure that you do not wear anything that is lewd or profane while at a CHS UIL Academic team event/competition.

Equipment Responsibilities

UIL Academics equipment (calculators, books, study aids, etc.) is CISD property and is to be well-taken care of. UIL Academic team members are to:

- Be responsible for each item that is used by that member – take good care of it
- If some piece of equipment needs repair, take care of it or report to your UIL coach.
- Do not lend any equipment to non-CHS UIL Academic members.

Finances

As with all extra-curricular activities, there will be expenses incurred with participation in Community UIL Academics. Community ISD provides much of the funding for UIL Academics. However, there is a limit to these funds. Thus, there are dues required for members of the UIL Academic team. Dues will be collected during the first six weeks of the school year. Dues will vary each year based on the t-shirt design, but will not exceed \$20.00. These fees cover the UIL Academic t-shirt (which serves as our uniform). By paying for their t-shirt, students will be able to keep them at the end of the UIL Academic season. Students will also need to bring food/money for meals at competitions.

Please reach out to the UIL Coordinator or your student's coach if you need assistance with the dues.

Students may be required to reimburse the UIL Academic Program based on the cancellation policy listed in this contract.

Please note, that if your child has chosen to become a Community UIL Academics Member, they are committed to the fees required for participation. **If your child leaves the organization, is removed for any reason, or forfeits his/her position on the team, no refunds will be given.**

Electronic Use

Cell phones are a wonderful asset for each student and family. It allows strong communication opportunities between parents and students. However, during competitions, students must turn off their cell phones and other electronic devices while in the contest rooms. Cell phones and other electronic devices are allowed during down-time and breaks.

Social Media

Please be VERY conscious of what you put on your social media websites. You MUST refrain from cyber bullying, using profanity, and posting, retweeting, and/or liking anything that is in poor reflection upon yourself, Community High School, or the Community UIL Academic program.

Should we see the following, you will be placed on an automatic one-week probation and be asked to remove the material from your website:

- Inappropriate material on any Internet website that is in poor reflection of Community ISD, Community High School, or Community UIL Academics. Any Internet website which has explicit or inappropriate material, such as pictures or videos posted on Internet websites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.) that displays any Community High School UIL Academics member in a disrespectful manner.

Should we see the following, you will be automatically dismissed from the team for the remainder of the school year:

- Inappropriate material on any Internet website that shows the use of or possession of tobacco (all forms), alcohol, marijuana, or any illegal drugs or related paraphernalia, look a-likes, designer drugs or abuse of prescription and/or non-prescription drugs. Some examples include: being in possession of, or alluding to the possession of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, prescription drugs, or the abuse of prescription drugs, or designer look-a-likes.

*****If you post any inappropriate material during school hours, at school events, or on school computers/iPad, you will be subject to the Community ISD Campus Student Handbook and the consequences that follow.*****

Transportation And Travel

Students will be required to follow bus rules and use common sense (pick up trash, do not sit in the aisles, do not stand while the bus is in motion, only sit two to a seat, etc.)

School bus/vehicle transportation will be provided for any event/competition held outside of the school district. Permission slips will be required for each day of travel. Parents are responsible for transportation to all UIL Academic events that are held in district, such as practice, workdays, or hosted competitions.

All members are required to ride to and from away events/competitions with the team. Alternate transportation requests must be filled out and approved by the UIL Academic Coordinator and the school principal prior to the date of travel.

Leaving any UIL Academic activity, including all trips without permission from the UIL Academic Coordinator will result in disciplinary action including one week probation.

Special Engagements

All organization-related projects and activities must be under the direction of and approved by the campus UIL Academic Coordinator.

The principal and school board must approve all overnight trips. The expenses for such events will be the responsibility of the individual member. The final balance must be paid in full before the event.

Letter Jackets

A student will receive their Letter Jacket when they have competed in the UIL Academic District meet in two different Academic years, or by advancing to the State meet in their first year.

Seniors are eligible to receive their letter jacket as a first-year member of the Community UIL Academics by participating in two Invitational meets as well as the District Meet and getting a recommendation by their coach.

Communication

The CHS UIL Academics Program will communicate with parents and students primarily using email. If a communication application (such as Remind or GroupMe) is added, that will be communicated to all participants and their guardians.

Parental Responsibilities

- Parents must give their permission for their son and/or daughter to fulfill all the responsibilities of being a member of the Community UIL Academic team before he/she is officially accepted.
- Parents must be willing to meet all financial obligations involved in having their daughter as a UIL Academics member. All payments are final.
- Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from the school for all activities.
- Parents must be willing to cooperate with the academic coordinator and coaches and keep them informed of dates that might conflict with Community ISD activities.
- Parents should be supportive of their child and of the Community UIL Academic Organization.

**If you have any questions about this contract, please reach out to
Mrs. Kamp at melissa.kamp@communityisd.org
Thank you!**

PLEASE RETURN ONLY THIS SHEET TO MRS. KAMP BY MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024. KEEP THE CONTRACT FOR YOUR RECORDS

Student Information:

Student Name: _____

Student Email: _____

Student Grade in 24-25: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

(Optional second) Parent Name: _____

(Optional second) Parent Email: _____

(Optional Second) Parent Phone Number: _____

Contract Agreement

I agree to the terms listed in this contract. I understand that failure to comply can result in the student's probation or removal from the CHS Braves UIL Academic Team.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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**COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
TRIP PERMISSION FORM**

Teacher Melissa Kamp	Course/Organization UIL Academics	School Phone 972-843-6500	Date Prepared 08/17/2023
Prospective Dates* & Destinations* (please check the dates that you anticipate/approve your student attending)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 10/21/23 - Prosper Walnut Grove High School, 3500 E First St, Prosper, TX 75078			
<input type="checkbox"/> 12/09/23 - Ennis High School, 2301 Ensign Rd, Ennis, TX 75119			
<input type="checkbox"/> 01/13/24 - Princeton High School, 1000 E Princeton Dr, Princeton, TX 75407			
<input type="checkbox"/> 01/20/24 - Sunnyvale High School, 222 Collins Rd, Sunnyvale, TX 75182			
<input type="checkbox"/> 02/10/24 - Prosper Rock Hill High School, 16061 N Coit Rd, Frisco, TX 75035			
<input type="checkbox"/> 02/17/24 - Community High School, 440 N Farm To Market 1138, Nevada, TX 75173			
<input type="checkbox"/> 04/04/24 & 04/05/24 - Caddo Mills High School, 3049 FM 36, Caddo Mills, TX 75135 (Students are required to attend the day(s) of their events)			
subject to change - changes will be communicated via email and on paper			
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Method of Transportation School Bus and/or Suburban			

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ I.D.#: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

- Parent/Guardian: _____
 Home Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
- Parent/Guardian: _____
 Home Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Student lives with (check all that applies): Father Mother Guardian

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If the parents/guardians cannot be reached, the school will call the people listed below. The people listed below should be responsible individuals who can: 1) give permission to administer health care; 2) pick up your child if your child is ill; 3) have the authority to speak on behalf of the parents or legal guardians.

Name: _____ Name: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Work Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
 Cell Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

HEALTH INFORMATION

If permission is granted, please provide the following medical information or if your child does not have any of the health conditions listed below, please write "none".

Physician's Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Medical/Hospital Insurance: _____ Group: _____ Type: _____
 Medication/s being taken by student: _____
 Allergies to foods, drinks, insect bites, medications, other: _____
 Other medical information: _____

I understand that in case of any emergency requiring medical treatment, every effort will be made to reach one of the people listed above. If none of these people can be contacted, I authorize the school to give consent to treatment as deemed necessary by emergency responders.

Print Name of Parent/s or Guardian/s: _____
 Signature of Parent/s or Guardian/s: _____ Date: _____