

Leander ISD Student Transfer Guidelines for UIL Athletic Participation

In order to maintain the spirit of athletics and to provide equitable competitiveness across LISD, the below transfer guidelines have been established.

Definitions:

Move: A physical move of one's residence from another school district into Leander ISD or from one Leander ISD high school attendance zone to another.

Transfer: Formal district approval to attend a high school not designated for one's attendance zone. *Transfers must be requested annually. HS Students only have to apply once for a transfer, once they are approved they do not need to apply again, unless they want to go to another campus.

Eligibility: The period of time (one calendar year) required by UIL varsity and Leander ISD athletic rules before the student may participate in UIL athletics. This period is applied to both varsity and sub-varsity athletics in Leander ISD.

Sub-varsity: Freshmen or Junior Varsity level

Previous Athletic Participation Form (PAPF): This is a UIL required form for any new student athletes in grades 9-12. Any athlete that was not in the attendance zone of the high school they are enrolling in, during the previous school year, will need to complete this form.

District Executive Committee (DEC): Composed of the superintendents (or designees) of member schools competing in the assigned UIL playing district.

Moves:

1) Effects of a Move:

a. All UIL and Other Activities Except Athletics:

The student may participate immediately.

b. Varsity and Sub-Varsity Athletics:

- i. Moving Prior to Establishing Eligibility in a High School: Following a move, if the student enrolls on or before the 6th day of the school year, the student is eligible to participate immediately, pending an approved PAPF from the DEC.
- ii. If the student has moved and enrolls after the 6th day of the school year, the student is eligible to participate on the 15th day after enrolling, pending an approved PAPF from the DEC. See Subchapter M of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.
<https://www.uil texas.org/policy/constitution/general/eligibility>
- iii. Process for clearance to participate:
 1. Student and parent must meet all UIL requirements as described in Section 442 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.
<https://www.uil texas.org/policy/constitution/general/eligibility>
 2. Proof that the above-mentioned requirements have been met must be presented to the receiving school's principal (or campus athletic coordinator) by the parents of the student who is moving.
 3. The receiving principal (or campus athletic coordinator) will submit the proof provided to the athletic director or designee. The decision of the athletic director, or designee, can be appealed to an in-district committee. This committee will review the documentation and declare the student either eligible or ineligible for one calendar year.

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4. If the student is declared eligible, the athletic coordinators will complete and approve a PAPF as outlined by UIL rules.
- iv. **Moving After Eligibility Has Been Established in a High School:** A student who moves after establishing eligibility in a high school may elect to continue to attend that high school and to participate in that school's athletic program (if the transfer request is approved by the district), or to attend the high school for which he or she is zoned. For eligibility to participate in athletics in the high school in his or her new attendance zone, see above.

Note: Any questions regarding UIL eligibility should be addressed with the LISD Athletic Department, 512-570-0167

Transfers:

2) Effects of a Transfer:

a. All UIL and Other Activities Except Athletics:

The student may participate immediately.

b. Varsity and Sub-Varsity Athletics:

- i. The student must establish eligibility if he or she attends any high school other than the one designated for his or her attendance zone, unless transferring under one of the exceptions listed in part C below.
- ii. Once a student has attended the high school designated for his or her attendance zone, the student will have to establish eligibility in order to participate in athletics in another high school. Transferring will result in the loss of one calendar year of eligibility.
- iii. Once a student has established eligibility in a high school outside of his or her attendance zone, it is considered a transfer for the student to return to the high school designated for the student's attendance zone or to any other high school. Transferring will result in the loss of one calendar year of eligibility.

c. Exceptions:

- i. The student may participate immediately (at the sub-varsity level) if he or she is attending a high school at which an older sibling is currently attending and was eligible at the time of their initial enrollment. This applies only at the beginning of the year or at which time the student is initially enrolling in the District.
- ii. The student may participate immediately if he or she is attending a high school because it has a unique program or course of study, as defined by the District. Or:
 1. If a student is accepted into a program, or enrolls in unique courses, (as defined by the District) the student will be immediately eligible for participation in athletics. However, if the student drops out of the program or course, the student will lose one calendar year of eligibility immediately upon dropping out or return to his/her zoned high school.
 2. If the program or course of study is not offered until a higher grade, the student may participate in athletics immediately upon enrolling in pre-requisite courses for the program or course of study. However, if the student fails to enroll in the course at the appropriate time, the student will lose one calendar year of eligibility. At this time, unique programs include:
 - a. International Baccalaureate Program (LHS & VHS, must enroll in two or more IB or pre-IB classes each year).
 3. The special programs exception only applies to the student enrolled in the special program. The sibling exception (c.i) does not apply here.

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- iii. If a student begins his or her ninth-grade year at a campus other than the one zoned for him/her, and the student decides to transfer to his or her zoned campus before he or she is eligible at the high school to which they transferred, the student must sit out for a period of 15 days before becoming eligible at the zoned campus. A PAPF must still be completed and approved by the DEC before participation in any varsity level competition is allowed.
- iv. First year of new high school exception: In order to maximize student enrollment for the first year of a newly opened high school, any student who chooses to transfer to the new high school will not lose a year of eligibility if he or she begins the school year at the new high school. UIL rules regarding varsity eligibility must be followed. Once the school has closed open enrollment, UIL eligibility rules regarding varsity level competition will be followed.
 - i. For the 2019-2020 school year:
 - The current (2018-19) 8th grade Running Brushy MS students residing in neighborhood codes 3100, 3200, 3300, and 3400 who are zoned for Cedar Park HS, will be allowed to transfer into Leander HS and will be eligible for sub-varsity athletic participation.
 - The current (2018-2019) 8th grade Henry MS students residing in neighborhood codes 2075 and 2200 who are zoned for Cedar Park HS, will be allowed to transfer into Vista Ridge HS and will be eligible for sub-varsity athletic participation.

Notes:

Only UIL can grant varsity eligibility. LISD cannot grant varsity eligibility, only eligibility at the sub-varsity level.

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