

Leander ISD Student Transfer Guidelines for UIL Athletic Participation



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.

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 subvarsity athletics in Leander ISD.

Moves:

1) Effects of a Move:

a) All UIL and Other Activities Except Athletics:

The student may participate immediately.

b) Varsity and Subvarsity 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.
- 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. See Subchapter M of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.

http://www UIL.utexas.edu/policy/constitution/08_09subM.pdf

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.

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- (2) Proof that the above-mentioned requirements have been met must be presented to the receiving school's principal by the parents of the student who is moving.

- (3) The receiving principal will submit the proof provided to the athletic director or his 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.

- (4) If the student is declared eligible, the athletic coordinators will complete and approve a Previous Athletic Participation (PAP) form 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.

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Note: Any questions regarding UIL eligibility should be addressed to the athletic director.

Transfers:

2) Effects of a Transfer:

a) All UIL and Other Activities Except Athletics:

The student may participate immediately.

b) Varsity and Subvarsity 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 if he or she is attending a high school at which an older sibling is eligible for athletics. This applies only at the beginning of the year or at which time the student is initially enrolling in the District.
or
- 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, must enroll in two or more IB or pre-IB classes each year)

or

- iii) If a student begins his ninth grade year at a campus other than the one zoned for him, and the student decides to transfer to his zoned campus before he is eligible at the high school to

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which he transferred, the student must sit out for a period of 15 days before becoming eligible at the zoned campus.

or

- 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.
- v) A student residing in the following neighborhood codes (NBCDs 2000, 2225, 2200, and 2075) may transfer from Vista Ridge High School to Cedar Park High School and will be eligible for sub-varsity sports at Cedar Park High School, provided the student has not established athletic eligibility at VRHS at the time of transfer.

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