



COORDINATOR'S MANUAL

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Everything You Need to Know to Host a
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We are a small company that listens! If you have any questions or if there is an area that you would like fully explored, let us hear from you. We hope you enjoy this product and stay in contact with us throughout your academic journey.

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The **Texas University Interscholastic League** (UIL) provides students with opportunities to compete with other surrounding schools in many different contests each year. Thousands of students participate in a variety of UIL academic competitions each year and challenge themselves by competing against students in their own school, against schools in their own district and against other districts. Competitions are designed to provide students with higher academic levels of learning, to work collaboratively and to motivate themselves and each other. Contests provide students the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of a skill in each event and to be challenged.

Make use of your resources. The UIL website is a fabulous, useful and highly informative resource. You can find it here: www.uil texas.org/academics

This is a complete guide for hosting a meet and is everything you need to know to plan your first UIL competition.

Bring UIL to your school and host a meet!

NOTE: All forms/letters/invoices/schedules in this book are available for use on one campus in Microsoft Word fillable templates ***by purchasing*** a companion CD to this manual.

Hexco Academic offers practice materials in the following subjects: Art; Chess Puzzle; Creative Writing; Dictionary Skills; Editorial Writing; Listening Skills; Maps, Graphs & Charts; Number Sense; Oral Reading; Ready Writing; Science; Social Studies; Spelling; and Storytelling.

A complete list of practice material for contests supported by Hexco can be found in a downloadable catalog at: <https://www.hexco.com/uil-academics-grade-school-middle-school>.

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KNOW THE A+ EVENTS

Art – (Grades 4-8) categories: Drawing, Painting and Miscellaneous/3-D

Art History – (4-8) study 40 art selections chosen by UIL every two years with questions about recognition, art history, elements, etc.

Calculator Applications – (6-8) stimulates and develops mathematical and calculator skills

Chess Puzzle – (2-8) multiple choice objective tests and tiebreaker

Creative Writing – (2) original story based on captioned picture prompts

Dictionary Skills – (5-8) tests student's ability to find info from dictionary

Editorial Writing – (6-8) form opinion and write an editorial from a fact sheet (done at school prior to meet)

Impromptu Speaking – (6-8) contestants draw a topic, prepare and deliver a speech

Listening Skills – (5-8) students will listen to a script, take notes and answer questions

Maps, Graphs & Charts – (5-8) uses skills such as location information, making comparisons, estimating, reading graphs, bar charts, etc.

Mathematics – (6-8) complete various types of math problems

TEAM Math – 3 students work together as a team to solve problems

Modern Oratory – (6-8) choose topic, research, take side and deliver speech

Music Memory – (2-8) identify and analyze pieces from annual list

Number Sense – (4-8) students learn to complete quick mental calculations and decisions

One Act Play – (6-8) work in all aspects of a 40-minute play

Oral Reading & Spanish Oral Reading – (4-9) read poetry or prose out loud with voice inflection

Ready Writing – (3-8) students choose one of two prompts, define the audience and purpose and write an interesting and original paper (done at school prior to meet)

Science – (7-8) knowledge of scientific facts, principles and ability to think through problems

Social Studies – (5-8) combination of Texas, U.S., world history and U.S. Constitution

Spelling – (3-8) exposes students to wide variety of vocabulary words and correct capitalization

Storytelling – (2-3) listen to a storyteller read a brief story then retell in own words

Check the UIL website for in-depth information on each of the events!