

Highland Park High School UIL Eligibility Calendar – 2025-2026

All schools must check grades for all participants at the end of the first six weeks of the school year. From that point, grades are checked at the end of the grading period whether it is six, nine, or twelve weeks in length. Students who pass remain eligible until the end of the next grading period.

UIL participants are eligible to participate in contests during the first six weeks of the school year, provided the following standards have been met:

- Students beginning grade nine and below must have been promoted from the previous grade prior to the beginning of the current school year.
- Students beginning their second year of high school must have earned a total of five credits which count toward state high school graduation.
- Students beginning their third year of high school must have earned a total of ten credits which count toward state high school graduation or five in previous twelve months.
- Students beginning their fourth year of high school must have earned a total of fifteen credits which count toward state high school graduation or five in previous twelve months.

Friday, September 19, 2025 – 1st Six Week Grading Period Ends

Students regain or lose eligibility on **Friday, September 26, 2025** at the time the regular school day normally ends. Students who begin the school year academically ineligible due to lack of credits or not being promoted may regain academic eligibility on September 26, 2025.

Friday, October 10, 2025 – 1st Nine Week Grading Period Ends

Students may regain or lose eligibility on **Friday, October 17, 2025** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on October 10, 2025.

Friday, October 31, 2025 – 3 Week Evaluation Period Ends

Students may regain eligibility on **Friday, November 7, 2025** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on October 31, 2025.

Friday, November 21, 2025 – 3 Week Evaluation Period Ends

Students may regain eligibility on **Monday, December 8, 2025** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on November 21, 2025. (Only checking students failing October 10th and 31st.)

Thanksgiving Holidays – *from the time school is dismissed on November 21, 2025 until classes resume on December 1, 2025, all students are academically eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.*

Friday, December 19, 2025 – 2nd Nine Week Grading Period Ends

Students may regain or lose eligibility on **Wednesday, January 14, 2026** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on December 19, 2025.

December Holidays – *from the time school is dismissed on December 19, 2025 until classes resume on January 7, 2026, all students are academically eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.*

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Monday, January 26, 2026 – 3 Week Evaluation Period Ends

Students may regain eligibility on **Monday, February 2, 2026** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on January 26, 2026.

Friday, February 13, 2026 – 3 Week Evaluation Period Ends

Students may regain eligibility on **Friday, February 20, 2026** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on February 13, 2026. (Only checking students failing December 19th and January 26th.)

******Thursday, March 12, 2026 – 3rd Nine Week Grading Period Ends

Students may regain or lose eligibility on **Monday, March 30, 2026** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on March 12, 2026.

Spring Break – *from the time the regular school day normally ends on March 12, 2026 until classes resume on March 23, 2026, all students are academically eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.*

******If in school on Friday, March 13, 2026 (Bad-Weather Makeup Day), please follow these dates:

Friday, March 13, 2026 – 3rd Nine Week Grading Period Ends

Students may regain or lose eligibility on **Monday, March 30, 2026** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on March 13, 2026.

*******Monday, April 13, 2026 – 3 Week Evaluation Period Ends

Students may regain eligibility on **Monday, April 20, 2026** at the time the regular school day would normally end provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on April 13, 2026.

*******If in school on Monday, April 6, 2026 (Bad-Weather Makeup Day), please follow these dates:

Friday, April 10, 2026 – 3rd Nine Week Grading Period Ends

Students may regain or lose eligibility on **Friday, April 17, 2026** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on April 10, 2026.

Friday, May 1, 2026 – 3 Week Evaluation Period Ends

Students may regain eligibility on **Friday, May 8, 2026** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on May 1, 2026. (Only checking students failing March 12th and April 13th.)

Guidelines for Ineligible Students

A student who receives, at the end of any grading period (after the first six weeks of the school year), a grade below 70 in any class may not participate in extracurricular activities for at least three weeks. The student regains eligibility when the principal and teachers determine that he or she has (1) earned a passing grade (70 or above) in all academic classes and (2) completed the three school weeks of ineligibility and seven calendar day waiting period.

While ineligible, a student may practice (scrimmages are considered a practice) or rehearse, but may not participate in a contest or performance (see the definition of an Extracurricular Activity below). Ineligible students may attend an athletic contest, but should be

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a spectator only. The ineligible student may not travel with the team, be in uniform, sit on the bench, or be assigned any team duties during the contest. Ineligible students cannot be required to attend a contest. Ineligible students may attend pep rallies and parades but cannot participate in the pep rally or parade. Ineligible students are permitted to be introduced during parent night activities as a member of a team or group. However, they may not be in uniform or seated with the student organization they represent during the event.

All activity coaches are responsible for the academic eligibility of the students who participate in their activity. If there are any questions concerning the eligibility or interpretation of the eligibility rules, please refer these questions to your director.

Definition of Extracurricular Activity

19 TAC §76.1001, Subchapter AA

(a) An extracurricular activity is an activity sponsored by the University Interscholastic League (UIL), the school district board of trustees, or an organization sanctioned by resolution of the board of trustees. The activity is not necessarily directly related to instruction of the essential knowledge and skills but may have an indirect relation to some areas of the curriculum. Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to, public performances, contests, demonstrations, displays, and club activities, with the exception of public performances specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(1) In addition, an activity shall be subject to the provisions for an extracurricular activity if any one of the following criteria apply:

(A) the activity is competitive;

(B) the activity is held in conjunction with another activity that is considered to be extracurricular;

(C) the activity is held off campus, except in a case in which adequate facilities do not exist on campus;

(D) the general public is invited; or

(E) an admission is charged.

(2) A student ineligible to participate in an extracurricular activity, but who is enrolled in a state-approved course that requires demonstration of the mastery of the essential knowledge and skills in a public performance, may participate in the performance subject to the following requirements and limitations.

(A) Only the criterion listed in paragraph (1)(D) of this subsection applies to the performance.

(B) The requirement for student participation in public is stated in the essential knowledge and skills of the course.

The Commissioner of Education is not authorized to approve extracurricular organizations outside of school sponsored or UIL sponsored groups. Local boards of trustees are responsible for the sanctioning and approval of outside organizations as “extracurricular organizations” for their individual districts.