

Highland Park High School UIL Eligibility Calendar – 2026-2027

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 25, 2026 – 1st Six Week Grading Period Ends

Students regain or lose eligibility on **Friday, October 2, 2026** 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 October 2, 2026.

Friday, October 16, 2026 – 1st Nine Week Grading Period Ends

Students may regain or lose eligibility on **Friday, October 23, 2026** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on October 16, 2026.

Friday, November 6, 2026 – 3 Week Evaluation Period Ends

Students may regain eligibility on **Friday, November 13, 2026** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on November 6, 2026.

Thanksgiving Holidays – from the time school is dismissed on November 20, 2026 until classes resume on November 30, 2026, all students are academically eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

Friday, December 4, 2026 – 3 Week Evaluation Period Ends

Students may regain eligibility on **Friday, December 11, 2026** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on December 4, 2026. (Only checking students failing October 16th and November 6th.)

Friday, December 18, 2026 – 2nd Nine Week Grading Period Ends

Students may regain or lose eligibility on **Wednesday, January 13, 2027** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on December 18, 2026.

December Holidays – from the time school is dismissed on December 18, 2026 until classes resume on January 6, 2027, all students are academically eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

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Monday, January 25, 2027 – 3 Week Evaluation Period Ends

Students may regain eligibility on **Monday, February 1, 2027** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on January 25, 2027.

Friday, February 12, 2027 – 3 Week Evaluation Period Ends

Students may regain eligibility on **Friday, February 19, 2027** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on February 12, 2027. (Only checking students failing December 18th and January 25th.)

Friday, March 12, 2027 – 3rd Nine Week Grading Period Ends

Students may regain or lose eligibility on **Monday, March 29, 2027** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on March 12, 2027.

Spring Break – from the time the regular school day normally ends on March 12, 2027 until classes resume on March 22, 2027, all students are academically eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

*Monday, April 12, 2027 – 3 Week Evaluation Period Ends

Students may regain eligibility on **Monday, April 19, 2027** at the time the regular school day would normally end provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on April 12, 2027.

***If in school on Friday, March 26, 2027 and/or Monday, March 29, 2027 (Bad-Weather Makeup Days), please follow these dates:**

Friday, April 9, 2027 – 3rd Nine Week Grading Period Ends

Students may regain or lose eligibility on **Friday, April 16, 2027** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on March 12, 2027.

Friday, April 30, 2027 – 3 Week Evaluation Period Ends

Students may regain eligibility on **Friday, May 7, 2027** at the time the regular school day normally ends provided a passing grade was achieved in all courses on April 30, 2027. (Only checking students failing March 12th and April 12th.)

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 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.

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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 & 3) 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.

(3) A student ineligible to participate in an extracurricular activity, but who is enrolled in a state-approved music course that participates in UIL Concert and Sightreading Evaluation, may perform with the ensemble during the UIL evaluation performance.

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.