

Athletic Directors,

The following email was sent this morning to all Superintendents regarding the declaration of homeschool participation in UIL activities. *As stated below, the ability to designate homeschool participation is only available on the Superintendent's account in the UIL Portal.*

Please let us know if you have any questions about this process.

Thank you,
Susan Elza, Ed.D.
UIL Director of Athletics

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Superintendents:

UIL has previously released the rule changes related to the passage of HB 547, which allows schools to provide UIL participation opportunities to homeschool students. You may [review that information](#) on the UIL website and in the [Homeschool Student FAQ](#).

As a reminder, August 1, 2021 is the deadline for schools to opt into allowing homeschool students to participate in UIL activities for the 2021-2022 school year, and have those homeschool students be eligible for varsity athletics. Schools may decide to allow homeschool students to participate after August 1st; however, those homeschool students will not be eligible for VARSITY athletics. They would be eligible for all other UIL activities, including sub-varsity athletics.

This decision ONLY applies to the 2021-2022 school year and has NO IMPACT on the school's enrollment calculation. Schools will be able to make the decision about homeschool student participation, at a minimum, annually.

At a later date, schools will be required to make an election for the 2022-2023 school year. That election will likely impact the school's enrollment calculation for the purposes of conference placement for the 2022-2024 UIL alignment period. The UIL Legislative Council has not yet passed the rules that will apply to the 2022-2024 alignment.

The process for indicating your school's election for the 2021-2022 school year is now available in the [UIL portal](#).

Instructions to Complete Home School Participation Declaration

This option is only available to the Superintendent account in the UIL Portal.

Once logged in, click Register as a Coach/Manage My Coaches/Manage My PAPF's

Click, Navigation (left side of screen), Eligibility Forms, Home School Settings

Click 'Mark All Schools Yes' or Click 'Mark All Schools No', depending on the decision of your school district. *You must click one of the options as it is the only way your selection is logged and saved.*

Once you click the decision, it is automatically saved for all schools and the designation has been noted in the portal, you can exit the page.

The automated notification components of this process are still in development. The week of August 2nd, UIL will communicate a list of schools that have opted to allow homeschool student participation to satisfy the requirement to notify the District Executive Committee.

Please feel free to contact UIL staff with any questions you may have.

Thank you,

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