

UIL Participation Policy for SIP School Choice

According to UIL interpretation of eligibility in reference to NCLB transfers:

A student who transfers, from a campus identified as in Title I School Improvement for failing to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), to a new school, which is not in Title I School Improvement, may be eligible for varsity participation according to the UIL residence rule (Section 440 b) provided the student is in compliance with the following provisions:

- The transfer is to another campus within the same school district and complies with the conditions cited in information from the Texas Education Agency (TEA), available from the school. Campuses in School Improvement are required to notify parents in writing of that status.
- The student transferred from the School Improvement campus to a campus within the same ISD that is not in school improvement at the first opportunity to do so. In this case "first opportunity" is defined as within 30 days of the district notifying parents in writing as required under NCLB.
- The Previous Athletic Participation Form (if necessary) is completed and the UIL District Executive Committee finds the student did not change schools for athletic purposes.
- The student complies with the 15-day rule for varsity participation.
- The student is in compliance with any local ISD transfer and admission policies. According to NCLB guidelines, local transfer policies cannot limit transfers under NCLB.

School officials at the campus that is not in School Improvement shall inform students who are eligible for varsity athletics their first year after transferring from a School Improvement campus that, if they later elect to transfer to another school (even the home school), they will be ineligible at the school to which they transfer for all varsity athletics for at least one calendar year. We recommend written notification to student and their parents on this issue.