

# Pine Tree High School UIL Academics Participant Contract

Dear Students and Parents:

We are excited that you have committed to the Pine Tree High School UIL Academics Team! We are looking forward to a rewarding year focused on individual challenges and achievement in a fun and positive environment. As we plan for the year, there are a few items that we need you to be aware of.

As you know, the cost of everything is high, including our bus fees, gas mileage, and contest entry fees. We budget to cover the cost of all students who wish to participate in a tournament, but we must pay these fees ahead of time. If a student does not show up for a tournament, then we lose the fees we have already paid. Our UIL team has 80+ students. If only 8 students “No Show” for a tournament, we lose upwards of several hundred dollars.

In addition, while students compete as individuals, we are a team. As coaches, we expect ourselves and our competitors to attend all meets. The meet schedule is given to everyone at the beginning of the year, and everyone is expected to attend all meets. We understand that there are sometimes special circumstances. If you have a special circumstance, then you are expected to notify your coach immediately. Otherwise, you will be considered a “No Show.” A “No Show” is when a student is expected to and has committed to attend a tournament and does not show up for the meet and fails to notify their coach.

We believe that as coaches, we are responsible for the budget entrusted to us as well as maintaining a positively accountable environment for all team members. Therefore, we have established a contractual agreement for all competitors and coaches based upon the following values:

1. We seek to improve as individual competitors in order to improve as a team.
2. We each have a sense of responsibility to our event team members as well as our complete UIL Academics team.
3. Being present at practices and at tournaments is a shared expectation.
4. Our monetary funds should be invested in improving as team members.
5. Team members should all follow the same guidelines.

As coaches, we want to best support all of our team members and create a healthy environment to further our students’ growth. We believe that the following guidelines fairly hold all team members accountable and ask you to sign the acknowledgment.

## Pine Tree High School UIL Academics Agreement

A “No Show” is when a student is expected to and has committed to attend a tournament and does not show up for the meet and fails to notify their coach.

The following procedures will be implemented during the 2023 - 2024 school year for students who “No Show”:

1. The first time a student “No Shows,” they will receive a warning and be required to pay back tournament entry fees. They will also lose eligibility to attend the overnight trip in January. Tournament fees are typically \$10 per event for academic events and more for speech and debate events. A doctor’s note needs to be provided.
2. The second time a student “No Shows,” they will be required to pay back entry fees and receive a final warning. A doctor’s note needs to be provided.
3. The third time a student “No Shows,” they will be permanently removed from the team.
4. If a student registers for but misses three or more meets, even if they call their coach ahead of time to let their coach know, they will not be considered for the district team.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Pine Tree High School UIL Academics Agreement. I accept responsibility for knowing my coach’s phone number and notifying them in the rare event that I am unable to attend a tournament.

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Print Student’s Name

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Student’s Signature

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Print Parent’s Name

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Print Coach’s Name

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Date