



Academic UIL  
Dowell Middle School

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**JOIN OUR TEAM!**



**WHAT IS ACADEMIC UIL?**

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) offers the most comprehensive program of academic competition in the nation. UIL Academics offers more activities than any other UIL division, and in McKinney ISD, we offer 18 different activities! These activities, which exist to complement the academic curriculum, are designed to motivate students as they acquire higher levels of knowledge, to challenge students to confront issues of importance, and to provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of specific skills. Students are challenged to think critically and creatively, exhibiting much more than knowledge and comprehension.

**UIL**

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**Prepares  
Students  
Future**

**Preparation for College**

Competition develops higher-level thinking, organization of thoughts and information, and effective communication with others.

**Training for Careers**

Numerous studies indicate that students who have been involved in extracurricular events have higher job success.

**Life Skills**

Participation in extracurricular events builds a strong foundation for life-long learning and the development of social skills.

**Confidence**

Involvement in academic contests builds poise and assurance, as well as the ability to handle stressful conditions.

**Fun**

Competition allows students to interact with others, establish lasting friendships and enjoy the thrill of learning.