

**Hallsville High School *Virtual* UIL Invitational B
February 8th - 13th, 2021**

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Register for Academic Contest: [Register Hallsville UIL Inv B](#)
Information for Speech/Debate Contest: <http://hallsville.tabroom.com/>

Dear UIL Coordinator/Sponsor:

We would like to invite you to our annual Invitational B, Tournament of Hearts. In the midst of the ongoing changes and challenges throughout 2020 and beyond, we sincerely appreciate your competitive sportsmanship and friendship, and we hope you join us in continuing the spring U.I.L. season.

So that all schools may feel safe/comfortable, we will be hosting the meet virtually this year. We will share materials out Sunday, Feb. 7, so that you will have the entire week to administer and score your tests. We ask that all tests that contain a writing component be completed and submitted by Friday afternoon (2/12). We will have judging of Ready Writing, and tie-break essays on Saturday, Feb. 13 (10:00 am). Journalism Judging will be Tues. Feb. 16 (10:00 am) Events with objective-only scoring may be submitted on Saturday, (2/13)

There will be a virtual speech and debate tournament offered as well, for information regarding this part of the meet, continue to this link from Mr. Dickson:

EVENTS: This contest includes all U.I.L. academic events except the hands-on portion of computer science. The following events will be offered: *current events, social studies, ready writing, literary criticism, spelling, journalism, math, calculator, number sense, science, accounting, computer applications, and computer science (written only)*. Academic events will be separated into large schools (Division I) and small schools (division II). ***Large Schools include all 5A and 6A and Small Schools include all 1A thru 4A.***

REGISTRATION: Please register by completing the Google Form at [Register Hallsville UIL Inv B](#) (left click and follow the drop-down link). Any questions about registration, using the Google form, or using Google Drive to share materials may be directed to Mike Clay. mclay@hisd.com

You will include the following information on the Google form:

1. School name and classification
2. Coordinator's name and email
3. The events in which you would like to participate
4. If you can receive the test materials via Google Drive

DEADLINES: Please see the calendar for registration deadline and due dates for writing and score submissions.

Hallsville Invitation B Dates		February	3 Registration Deadline	4	5 UIL B Academic Materials Shared to Schools	6
7	8	9	10	11 Current Events, Social Studies and Literary Criticism Objective scores due	12 Ready Writing, Journalism, and Tie Break Essays scanned to mclay@hisd.com (unless you are bringing them to the grading session)	13 Objective-only scores are due Grading session for ready writing papers - Hallsville High School, (10:00 am)
14	15	16 Journalism Judging at HHS, starting at 10:00	17 Results Shared to Schools	18 Plaques and medals will be mailed once the scoring is confirmed	19	20

ENTRY FEES:

\$300 – access to ALL the academic tests and prompts (unlimited entries)

\$150 – access to math and science tests (unlimited entries)

\$150 – access to all writing prompts (only 5 entries per event will be judged)

\$40 – access to an individual event (unlimited entries except for writing events)

ENTRIES: Each school can enter unlimited entries in each event except for *writing events*. You may give the writing prompts to as many students as you want, but only bring 5 papers to the grading session Saturday morning at Hallsville. Materials will be shared via Google Drive. Each event will have a separate folder shared with you. After scores are ranked, we will ask for scanned copies of the top ten student answer documents for all objective events. These will be scanned and shared in the folders for each event for all participating schools to see. We ask that security of testing materials be handled as though this were an in-person meet. Please do not share electronic documents with students. Coordinators may print copies to share with coaches/sponsors.

PROCEDURES FOR OBJECTIVE EVENTS:

Test materials will be emailed or shared via Google Drive on Sunday, Feb. 7th. Schools will have until noon on Saturday, February 13th, to test, grade, and submit scores to mclay@hisd.com. **Please be sure to have 2 sponsors grade each paper to help ensure any errors in grading due to human error are corrected before scores are submitted. If any errors in the test are noted, please email mclay@hisd.com ASAP so that we can make all participating schools aware.** Current events, social studies, and literary criticism scores need to be submitted by Thursday, February 11th. Once the objective portion of those tests are scored, the top 8 schools will be notified. The top 8 papers in current events and social studies will need to be scanned to mclay@hisd.com by the end of the school day Friday the 12th. On Saturday morning judges will score the essays to determine the composite score for each test. If there is a tie in literary criticism, the schools involved will be notified so those essays can be ranked by our judges Saturday morning.

PROCEDURES FOR WRITING EVENTS:

Writing prompts will be emailed or shared via Google Drive on Tuesday, February 7th. Schools will have all week to test their students during one testing session. Please do not release the prompts electronically to the students. On Saturday, February 13th at 10:00am, ready writing sponsors will have a grading session at Hallsville HS. On Tuesday, February 16th at 10:00am, ready writing sponsors will have a grading session at Hallsville HS. Each school can bring a maximum of 5 papers per event to the grading session. At least one judge needs to be present Saturday for essays to be scored. The top three essays for each division will be scanned and the scanned copies will be uploaded to the shared Google Drive.

PROCEDURES FOR SPELLING EVENT:

Since consistent oral pronunciation is important for spelling, we will provide an auditory or a video recording in Google Drive for participants to access. Participants will be able to run the file for the call-out portions of the spelling test. We suggest your on-campus test administrator be prepared to verify the pronunciation of the call-out words in place of the live verification for pronunciation that usually occurs at meets. Please run the file

ahead of time to ensure any technology problems are resolved before administering any portion of the test.

JUDGING: Each school will grade and submit their scores to Mike Clay at mclay@hisd.com by Saturday, February 13th at noon. Please submit scores for Current Events, Social Studies and Literary Criticism by Thursday, February 11th. Once those papers are ranked, judges will grade the essays and return the composite score to the appropriate schools Saturday. Once all the scores are collected, I will share the final results with all schools via Google Docs. If you are not a Google school, please include that in your registration. I will contact you to set up a way for you to access all necessary documents and files. **AWARDS:** Medals will be **mailed the week of February 15th** to the top 6 places in each event for both Division I and Division II schools. Plaques will be mailed to the top teams in both divisions as well. *Division I is 1A-4A and Division II is 5A-6A. Sweepstakes awards will NOT be awarded for this virtual meet.*

CONFIDENTIALITY:

I contacted UIL to ensure that we could use Invitation B materials in a virtual format. Dr. Stevens was happy that we are doing our best to keep kids competing. With that being said, please make sure that none of the test materials are shared outside of your school. There are still a few weeks left for schools across Texas to hold Invitation B meets and I want us to do our best to keep this material within our testing circle.

Thank you and Good Luck!

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