



## **BEST PRACTICE:**

### **TEXAS VIRTUAL SCHOOL NETWORK (TxVSN) COURSES AND UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE (UIL) STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

As online academic opportunities become increasingly available to Texas students, and in response to inquiries from Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) Receiver districts, an opinion on whether an online course factors into student eligibility was solicited from the University Interscholastic League (UIL).

The UIL opinion stated that since an online course taken through TxVSN was done through a student's local high school, the No Pass No Play rules do apply (TEC 33.081). The online course should be included when considering a student's eligibility.

Information concerning online courses may be located in the TEA & UIL Side by Side (2009-2010) Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities (revised August 2009), or by following this link: [http://www.uil.utexas.edu/policy/pdf/09\\_10sidebyside.pdf](http://www.uil.utexas.edu/policy/pdf/09_10sidebyside.pdf) (see page 7, number 16).

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