MRC ENTERPRISES
UIL JOURNALISM E-MAIL CONTEST—2026-27

MRC is offering two e-mail competitions for this UIL season in each of the five journalism areas. This can give your students an additional competitive opportunity without the expense of travel to an invitational meet. You set up your own schedule with your students, using contest-like conditions.

An experienced coach and prompt-writer will read the papers and provide a critique for each one. Ribbons will be awarded for places one through six.

The prompts for this competition are new prompts. Prompts will be emailed to coaches after entries and fees (or school purchase orders) are received. You will have a two-week window to hold your competition and return the papers to MRC. Competition papers must be e-mailed to our critique judge this year. We believe this will be more efficient than using the post office.

Schedule for competition:	**Fall**	**Winter/Spring**
Entry deadline	**Oct. 7, 2026**	**Jan. 13, 2027**
Prompts emailed by	**Oct. 14,2026**	**Jan 20, 2027**
Papers back to MRC by e-mail	**Oct. 28, 2026**	**Feb. 3, 2027**
Critiques and awards returned by mail	**Nov. 11, 2026**	**Feb. 17, 2027**

Send fees and/or purchase orders with your entry form directly to MRC Enterprises at 13563 Metz Road, Sanger, TX 76266. Orders can also be sent to: mrcacademics@gmail.com

Papers should be sent to: mrcacademics@gmail.com

Coaches/Sponsors: Please attach all student entries to one e-mail. This will help our critique judges to keep track of entries so that the critiques get back to the appropriate school district.

Entry form is on another page. ***Note that prompts will not be sent until payment or a purchase order number for your entries is received.***

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ORDER FORM

Please make sure email addresses and phone numbers are legible.

_____ _____
SCHOOL/CLASSIFICATION **UIL COORDINATOR OR SPONSOR**

_____ _____
ADDRESS **SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER**

_____ _____
CITY STATE ZIP **HOME/CELL TELEPHONE NUMBER**

_____ _____
FAX NUMBER **E-MAIL ADDRESS**

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PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER

ENTRIES _____Fall _____Winter/Spring

EDITORIAL WRITING
1._____
2._____
3._____
4._____

HEADLINE WRITING
1._____
2._____
3._____
4._____

FEATURE WRITING
1._____
2._____
3._____
4._____

NEWSWRITING
1._____
2._____
3._____
4._____

COPY EDITING
1._____
2._____
3._____
4._____

TOTAL ENTRIES _____ X $11.00 = $_____

Please note: If prompts are ordered and no papers are entered, there will be a flat fee of $35 for the set of prompts received.

	Fall	Winter/Spring
Entries and fees (or purchase order) due by	10-7-26	1-13-27
Prompts emailed by	10-14-26	1-20-27
Papers due by	10-28-26	2-3-27
Results returned by	11-11-26	2-17-27

Coaches/Sponsors – Please share these instructions with your students.

Instructions to Contestants:

1) Type your entry in Microsoft Word (News, Editorial, or Feature).
2) Use the default settings for margins. Double-space your paper.
3) Font can be Times New Roman, 12; similar fonts acceptable.
4) Include your name and the name of your school on your entry. Please do not abbreviate your school name. Identify the entry as News, Feature, or Editorial. These steps will help us in returning critiqued papers to the correct school district.
5) For Copy Editing and Headline entries, please scan your completed entry and submit it as a PDF file.
6) All entries should be submitted to your coach or sponsor. Those entries will then be attached to one e-mail entry per school.

Results

Contestant papers will be printed and critiqued. Results and any awards will be mailed back to the address provided on your entry form. Your entry fee includes the cost of paper, printing, and returning the critiqued papers back to your school.