

**Proposed Recommendation by
UIL Review Advisory Committee
to
Standing Committee on Policy**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

The recommendation below amends Subchapter O, Sections 480 and 482.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

These edits would allow schools to contribute to a second major award for a student in honor of winning a UIL State Championship, students to accept certificates, medals, trophies, rings or other symbolic awards from sources approved by the school, and delete Section 482, *Music Awards*.

C. Proposed Recommendation

Section 480: LIMITATION OF AWARDS

(a) LIMIT.

(1) Awards Schools May Give. A participant school or member school district may give one major award not to exceed \$70 in value to a student during that student's high school enrollment at the same school for participation in UIL interschool competition(s) listed in Section 380. Each year a participant school or member school district may give one additional award per student per interschool activity listed in Section 380, not to exceed \$20 each. Schools may give a student the \$20 minor award for an activity during the same school year the \$70 major award is given for that activity. A SCHOOL MAY CONTRIBUTE TO MAJOR AWARDS IN HONOR OF WINNING A UIL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT.

(2) Awards Students May Receive. A student may not accept from any source other than the school attended or the school district, any award in money, product or service for competing in an interschool contest except as follows:

(A) A certificate, medal, trophy, RING, or other symbolic award for participating in any UIL activity which counts on League standing, if it is given: (BREAK AND INSERT NUMBERING)

(i) by the school, OR school district IN ACCORDANCE TO THE LIMITATIONS IN SECTION 480 (a)(1),

(ii) the district executive committee or the entity that organized the competition (i.e., the regional director, zone director, etc.),

(iii) THE UIL OR ONE OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS SACTIONED BY THE UIL, OR

(iv) AN OUTSIDE SOURCE APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT.

~~•(Note: Students may not accept and keep trophies presented to them by an outside source to honor them for UIL participation and remain eligible according to the Awards Rule, Section 480 (a). The school may permanently accept the trophy to be kept in the trophy case of the school.)~~

~~(B) A certificate for participating in any UIL activity, if it is given by the participant school, school district or district executive committee.~~

~~(C) A certificate for participating in a UIL contest at the state level, if it is given~~

~~by the UIL or one of the professional education organizations sanctioned by the UIL.~~

- (B) A medal, trophy, patch or other symbolic award for participating in an invitational athletic contest which does not count on League standing, in an activity which the UIL sponsors as listed in Section 380, if it is given by the organization conducting the contest or competition. (Sports which are not sanctioned by the UIL, such as bowling, motorcycle racing, rodeo, etc., do not come under this rule.)
 - (C) Unlimited awards for participating in an invitational academic or fine arts contest which does not count on League standing, whether or not it is an activity which the League sponsors.
 - (D) Educational trips sponsored by the school.
 - (E) Scholarships for college or university enrollment if awarded at or after graduation from high school.
- (3) Awards Students May Receive for Intraschool Competition. A student may accept unlimited awards for participating in intraschool competition.
- (b) LEAGUE STANDING DEFINED. For purposes of this rule, "counts on League standing" means any contest that causes an individual or team to advance toward a UIL district, bi-district, area, zone, regional or state championship.
 - (c) AMATEUR STATUS. See Section 441 for rules governing amateur athletic status.
 - (d) INDIRECT AWARD. An award given to a second party to be held for later delivery to the student is considered received by the student when the award is given to the second party. This conduct is a violation by the participant school or school district.

~~Section 482: MUSIC AWARDS~~

~~A music organization that receives money or other valuable consideration as contest prizes or participates in an interschool contest offering these awards shall be penalized in accordance with the range of penalties. However, a participant school may receive a uniformly prorated rebate or other money given to each participant in an interschool music contest.~~

D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools

There should be no fiscal impact to member schools.

E. Standing Committee Consideration

The UIL Review Advisory Committee recommends that the Standing Committee on Policy approve this proposal to the UIL Legislative Council for consideration.