

HIGH SCHOOL  
AWARDS

University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules govern the granting of all major and minor awards. Chapter 1, Subchapter O, Section 480 (Limitation of Awards) states:

*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 \$10 each. Schools may give a student the \$10 minor award for an activity during the same school year the \$70 major award is given for that activity.

*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 certificate, medal, trophy or other symbolic award for participating in any UIL activity which counts on League standing, if it is given by the school, school district, the district executive committee or the entity that organized the competition (i.e., the regional director, zone director, etc.). (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.)

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

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.

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.)

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.

Educational trips sponsored by the school.

Scholarships for college or university enrollment if awarded at or after graduation from high school.

Major and minor awards are available in the following categories:

1. Cheerleading
2. Fine Arts (theatre arts, visual arts, band, choir, orchestra, dance team, color guard)
3. Forensics (speech and debate)
4. Journalism
5. Student Government
6. Athletics
7. Service Organizations (e.g., PALS, National Honor Society)
8. Career and Technology Education
9. Academics
10. Robotics
11. Service Learning

A major award is a jacket, sweater, or blanket; a minor award is a letter or other inexpensive item awarded for participation in an activity and earned subsequent to the major award.

#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Only one letter jacket will be awarded to a student during his/her high school career. When a student qualifies for a letter jacket, the jacket will be awarded with a six-inch chenille letter. Should a student represent his/her school for more than one year in different events and qualify, he/she will receive additional six-inch letters. Should a student represent his/her school in the same event for more than one year and qualify, he/she will be awarded additional hash marks to indicate the number of years involved.

In addition to specific program requirements, the following general requirements for an award, must be met:

1. Complete successful participation for a minimum of one year in school programs;
2. Not leave the organization for disciplinary reasons;

3. Not be suspended or placed in an alternative education program the school year the award is received;
4. Not end the one year period with a probationary status;
5. Receive the recommendation of the respective organization's sponsor.

The criteria used for the awarding of a letter jacket shall be the same for all CCISD campuses for each program.

## CATEGORIES

**CHEERLEADERS** Students who are on the varsity level must attend 90% of regular football games, required basketball games, and volleyball games to receive a letter jacket.

**FINE ARTS AWARDS** All awards to students must meet the criteria set forth by the District and the University Interscholastic League. These guidelines are slated in each individual discipline's performance code. There are very strict UIL guidelines for academic performance in performing arts classes. Teachers are encouraged to discuss any awards to be presented with the principal prior to the student(s) receiving the award(s).

A student may receive only one major award for combined activities during his/her four years in high school and no more than one award per year for participation in the same organization.

If students acquire the necessary points to be awarded a letter jacket prior to one full year of participation in the organization, the letter jacket will be awarded at the conclusion of the one-year period.

### Band/Orchestra

Awards will be presented to band/orchestra students based on a point system for participation and service.

1. All District Band/ String Orchestra – 5 Points
2. All-Region Band/Orchestra – additional 10 Points
3. UIL Solo (Div. I) Class II – 2 Points
4. UIL Solo (Div. I) Class I – 3 Points
5. One Year's Participation – 10 Points
6. UIL Ensemble (Div. I) Class I – 2 Points

20 points = Awards Jacket / Blanket / Sweater

Color Guard

Awards will be presented to Color Guard students based on a point system for participation and service.

5 points per semester upon the completion of each semester

20 points – Awards Jacket / Blanket / Sweater

Dance Team

Awards will be presented to dance team students based on a point system for participation and service.

One full year's participation – 15 Points (Attendance at all required performance constitutes a year's participation.)

30 points = Awards Jacket / Blanket / Sweater

Choir

Awards will be presented to choir students based on a point system of participation and service.

1. TMEA Honor Choir – 2 Points
2. TMEA District Choir – 5 Points
3. TMEA Region Choir – 10 Points
4. UIL Solo (Div. I) Class II – 2 Points
5. UIL Solo (Div. I) Class I – 3 Points
6. One Year's Participation – 10 Points
7. UIL Ensemble (Div. I) Class I – 2 Points

20 points = Awards Jacket / Blanket / Sweater

Theatre Arts

Awards will be presented to theatre arts students based on a point system for participation and service. A total of 30 points or 900 hours of after school work must be earned by the following methods:

1. Membership in the International Thespian Society – 15 Points
2. Crew work on Productions – 1 Point = 30 hours

3. Cast in Productions
  - a. Major roles – 5 Points
  - b. Minor roles – 3 Points
  - c. Walk on / Chorus – 2 Points
4. UIL One Act Play – Cast and Crew – 5 Points (with one point for each level of advancement)

Visual Arts Awards

Awards will be presented to visual arts students based on a point system for participation and service.

1. Art Exhibition and Competition
  - a. Participation- 1 point
  - b. Place – 3 Points
  - c. Advance to Regional Level – 5 Points
  - d. Advance to State Level – 7 Points
  - e. Advance to National Level – 10 15 Points
2. National Art Honor Society Member – 5 Points
3. Art Club Member – 3 Points
4. Scholastic Art Regional Honorable Mention - 3 Points
5. Scholastic Art Regional Gold Key – 10 Points
6. Scholastic Art Regional Silver Key – 5 Points
7. Scholastic Art National Gold Key – 15 Points
8. Scholastic Art National Silver Key – 15 Points
9. VASE All-State (4 Rating at State) – 15 Points
10. Participation each year – 2 Points
11. Advanced Placement Classes – 3 Points

15 points = Awards Jacket / Blanket / Sweater

FORENSICS

Speech and Debate

Students who participate for two years, and perform in a minimum of eight speech tournaments each year and accumulate the

necessary National Forensic League Points will receive a letter jacket.

JOURNALISM

Awards will be presented to publication staff based on a point system of participation and service.

1. 5 points per semester for editors
2. 3 points per semester for staff
3. 2 points per semester for photojournalism
4. 1 point for work nights or participation in special events outside of the school day (not to exceed 5 points per year)
5. 1 point for participating in UIL Academic Journalism (regardless of the number of events)

If editors and/or staff members are removed from their positions during the semester, no points will be earned.

The academic advisor reserves the right to deny points if students do not fulfill their commitment to the yearbook / newspaper staff.

15 points = Award Jacket and/or Letter

STUDENT  
GOVERNMENT

Student government awards are limited as set forth in HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS above. Standards for lettering in student government require all the following:

1. A two-year member of student council;
2. Enrollment in the student council class for a minimum of one year;
3. Attend at least one state convention or a winter retreat;
4. Attend at least one summer area leadership camp.

ATHLETICS

Athletic awards are limited as set forth in HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS above. Standards for lettering in all sports shall be developed by the department coordinator and the head coaches. These standards should meet the approval of the principal and the athletic director for:

1. Varsity letterman: jacket or blanket if first letter; minor award subsequently;
2. Sub-varsity team awards may be given not to exceed UIL

maximum and should be standardized in all sports within a school.

Football

Students who play football must compete in 16 quarters in varsity competition, and compete for the entire season to receive a letter jacket.

Volleyball/Baseball/Basketball/Softball/Soccer

Students competing in these sports must be on the varsity level. Students must participate in 50% of all games, one half in district, and must play for the entire season to receive a letter jacket.

Tennis/Swimming

Students must participate on the varsity level and place first, second, or third in a major meet or place in a district meet, and compete for the entire season to receive a letter jacket.

Track

Students must participate on the varsity level and place first, second, or third in a major meet or place at district and compete for the entire season to receive a letter jacket.

Golf

Students must participate in 50% of all varsity tournaments and/or must play in district play and compete for the entire season to receive a letter jacket.

Cross Country

Students must participate on the varsity level and place in the top 25% at district or must accumulate 2.5 points times the number of meets and compete for the entire season to receive a letter jacket.

Trainers/Manager

Students who participate must have worked for two (2) years to receive a letter jacket.

SERVICE  
ORGANIZATIONS

Student service organizations are those that provide a tangible benefit to the community. Each individual student service organization shall develop award criteria and with the approval of the principal may provide student awards. Examples of student service organizations are (e.g. Pals, National Honor Society, Assisteens)

CAREER AND  
TECHNOLOGY  
EDUCATION

Students who place first or second at state or qualify for national competition leading from district to national and earn points in leadership, membership, community service, and academics will receive a letter jacket.

**JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (JROTC)** Students who participate in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps will earn a letter jacket according to the following point system: Officer, Leadership training, Competitions (JROTC competitions specific to military branch), Community Service, or other school related activities.

**ACADEMICS**

Academic UIL:

Students representing their schools at the regional UIL competitions in theatre, speech & debate, journalism, and/or academic contests will receive a six-inch chenille letter. Students who qualify and participate at the state level will receive a letter jacket.

History

Students who advance to the regional history fair will receive a six-inch chenille letter. Students who qualify and participate at state level will receive a letter jacket with a six-inch chenille letter. Students who qualify and participate at the state level Citizen Bee will receive a letter jacket with a six-inch chenille letter.

Science

Students who advance to the regional science fair will receive a six-inch chenille letter. Students who qualify and participate at the state level will receive a letter jacket. Students who qualify and participate at the state level Science Olympiad Team will receive a letter jacket.

Foreign Language

Students who participate in state or national exams in Chinese, French, German, Latin, or Spanish for three or more years will receive a six-inch chenille letter. Students who place first or second in the district twice or who medal three or more times on any of these exams will receive a letter jacket. In addition, students who meet the criteria established by campus language clubs may also qualify for a letter and/or letter jacket.

Decathlon/Octathlon

Students who participate in the regional decathlon competition will receive a six-inch chenille letter. Students who qualify and participate at the state competition will receive a letter jacket. With the approval of the coach, students who actively participate in Academic Decathlon/ Octathlon for three or more years will receive a letter jacket.

Academic

Beginning with the 10<sup>th</sup> grade year Tenth graders who had an overall ninety (90) or above average in each subject for each semester of their ninth grade year and have maintained the same average through the first semester reporting period of their sophomore year will be eligible for a letter jacket.



ROBOTICS

Standards for lettering in robotics require all of the following:

1. Active member of a high school robotics team for a minimum of two years;
2. Participate as part of a robotics team in a minimum of five official competitions;
3. Mentor an elementary or intermediate school robotics team for two years;
4. Qualify for a state robotics competition.

SERVICE  
LEARNING

Students must complete one hundred fifty (150) or more documented hours of service under the direction of a Clear Creek ISD teacher/advisor. Hours must span four (4) consecutive semesters with no less than fifty (50) hours of service per academic school year.

INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL AWARDS

At the intermediate schools, the following school-sponsored awards, commendations, or certificates are available and presented at the end of the school year:

1. Honor roll (nine weeks) certificates for sixth and through eighth grades;
2. Academic activities;
3. Athletics;
4. Outstanding service (recognized by local service organizations);
5. Perfect Attendance (optional) – Each campus shall utilize the official campus attendance report generated through the student information management system.

Awards should be standardized within the building for all sports. Awards are financed by the individual school.

ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL

At the elementary schools, certificates may be given for the following:

1. Service (optional) – safety patrol, student council, choir, American Legion, others as determined by school;
2. Physical education – physical fitness (patch award), track (ribbon award), sportsmanship;

3. Library reading and library helpers;
4. Spelling Bee – local winner;
5. Scholastic (optional) – given at the end of the school year and at the building level to third through fifth grade students who have demonstrated evidence of mastery of learning standards, high motivation, initiative in learning, and/or leadership qualities;
6. Perfect Attendance (optional) – Each campus shall utilize the official campus attendance report generated through the student information management system;
7. Robotics (optional);
8. Character (optional).

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
SCHOLAR AWARD**

The following criteria shall be used to select students to receive the Superintendent's Scholars Awards:

1. Students must be enrolled at Clear Brook High School, Clear Creek High School, Clear Falls High School, Clear Horizons Early College High School, Clear Lake High School, Clear Springs High School or Clear View High School. Qualifying grades must be earned at a CCISD high school;
2. Students must take at least four of the courses designated as Superintendent's Scholars courses;
3. A grade of at least 95 must be earned in all courses in which the student is enrolled (85 in Advanced Academic (AA), Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP), and Advanced Placement (AP) courses);
4. Students must not have been assigned to In-School Suspension (ISS), Alternative Education Program (AEP), or been removed from school for disciplinary reasons during the period in which the student earned the academic honor.

Superintendent's Scholars will be recognized annually in the spring of the second semester.