

OIL ACCOUNTING

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A Few Things That Have Worked for Me

STARTING A PROGRAM

Thinking about starting a UIL Accounting program? Here's why you should...

1. Very little \$ needed

\$75 is about all you need to get started. Have your students supply pencils and erasers and all you need is a set of eight calculators. These can be purchased at Wal-Mart or Office Max for about \$9. It is best to give each student two calculators at competition.

2. Old tests can be found online

LaVerne puts tests from previous years online so if you are getting started, there is no need to purchase any materials. However, LaVerne also has materials for sale. As you build your program, these would be great to purchase for your team.

3. There is no starting over in Accounting

Students can build on what they learned in previous years. There is no new book to read, new poem to find or new word list to study.



BUILDING/MAINTAINING A PROGRAM

1. Make it Fun!

Remember that even though this may be your 15th trip to the Regional Meet, it may be your students' only trip. Make it a great experience for them. These are memories that will stay with them forever.

2. Don't Downplay a Competition

Even though your school may have won the District Championship the past 10 years, your students still need to know that a District win is a big accomplishment. District is not just a stop on the way to the Regional meet.

3. Motivators

Of course no teenager will turn down snacks, pizza, etc. but I also like to use statistics as motivation. The best part is...they are free!

- 1) The Competition Wall
- 2) The Best of UIL Accounting at Happy High School

4. Traditions

While change is a good thing, traditions can be a good thing as well.

- 1) Team Medal/Plaque Picture - At the end of the year the team takes a picture with the medals and plaques they have won during the year.
- 2) Sr. Accounting Scrapbooks - I used to make scrapbooks/photobooks for my seniors. Now that I have three children (5 and under) and don't even have time to make baby books, I go to Wal-Mart's website and make photo cards. I include pictures from each year they were in Accounting as well as scores/results from each year.

