



Career & Technical Student Organizations FAQ

What are Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)?

- Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) are extracurricular groups for students in Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes. They provide opportunities to develop leadership and technical skills by participating in activities, events and competitive events at the local, regional, state and national levels.

What are the benefits of CTSOs?

- Students who participate in CTSOs have higher levels of academic engagement motivations, civic engagement, career self-efficacy and employability skills than other students.
- According to the National Research Center of Career and Technical Education, participating in leadership and development activities in a CTSO raises students' educational aspirations.
- Students who participate in a CTSO in 10th grade have a higher grade point average and are more likely to be enrolled in college at 21 than other students.

What are the CTSOs offered in Kentucky?



DECA

Distributive Education Clubs of America prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.



Educators Rising

Educators Rising Kentucky, formerly known as Future Educators of America, provides opportunities for high school students to explore teaching and develop the necessary skills and knowledge to take their first steps on the path to accomplished teaching.



FBLA

Future Business Leaders of America inspires and prepares students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences.



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FCCLA

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America offers members the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life. It is the only CTSO with family as its central focus and is integrated into Family and Consumer Sciences education.



FFA

National FFA Organization is a student-led organization whose mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



HOSA

Health Occupation Students of America promotes career opportunities in the health care industry and strives to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.



SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce by preparing students for careers in trade, technical and skilled service (including health) occupations.



TSA

Technology Student Leadership enhances personal development, leadership and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), through intracurricular activities, competitions and related programs.