

Module F: Career and Education Planning

Student Handout: Extracurricular Programs

Career and Technical Student Organizations

Why belong?

These organizations can be a fun way to practice the knowledge and skills you develop in career and technical education classes. They help you develop the kinds of skills employers expect from their employees.

- Technical skills – the ability to perform the tasks needed to create and/or deliver the product or service your employer provides.
- People skills – the leadership, teamwork, communication and decision-making skills necessary to function as part of a team.

What are the other benefits?

- Learn teamwork and leadership
- Hone your skills
- Participate in competitive events around the state and nation
- Be part of a group that “gets things done” and makes a difference in the community
- Meet students
- Make contact with business, industry and community leaders who can become role models, mentors and even employers.

List of Organizations

BPA – Business Professionals of American www.bpa.org

DECA – An association of secondary marketing students www.deca.org

FCCLA – Family, Career and Community Leaders of America www.fcclainc.org

FFA – An association of Agriscience and Natural Resources students www.ffa.org

FBLA/PBL – Future Business Leaders of America www.fbla-pbl.org

FPSA – Florida Public Service Association. Talk to the program adviser at your school for details.

HOSA – Health Occupations Students of America www.hosa.org

SkillsUSA - An association of secondary and postsecondary students preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations. www.skillsusa.org

TSA – Technology Student Association www.floridatsa.com