



Leadership development is vital to our state and nation and is critical in the important role that effective leadership skills play in providing students an advantage in a competitive world. The Virginia Department of Education supports the purposes, goals, and activities of the co-curricular Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs): Virginia DECA, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); Future Educators Association (FEA); Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); Future Farmers of America (FFA), Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA); SkillsUSA ; and Technology Student Association (TSA).

The CTSOs co-curricular activities foster the development of future leaders by providing students with leadership and work place experiences where students interact with mentors and observe leadership in action, empowering students with authentic leadership roles, and providing challenging activities that develop the spirit of competition at the local, state, and national levels.

The leadership activities and experiences afforded students through the CTSOs prepare students for individual and group leadership responsibilities to the family, school, community, state and nation.




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