Career & Technical Student Organizations

Value Added to CTE Programs

CTSOs are Chartered by the New York State Board of Regents

What are Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)?

CTSOs integrate the career and technical education (CTE) curriculum while promoting leadership skills, career readiness, community involvement, and competition. They continue to be integral to the curriculum and an important part of 21st century CTE programs.

Why start or support a CTSO?

CTSOs benefit a variety of stakeholders. Below are just a few of the many benefits.

Students
• Develop leadership and communication skills
• Gain personal recognition
• Engage in volunteer opportunities
• Increase community awareness
• Enhance decision-making/problem-solving skills
• Network with other students, colleges, and employers
• Experience the democratic process
• Interact socially on a local, state and national level

Advisors
• Academic programs gain value from a CTSO
• Student interest in CTSOs positively impacts course enrollments
• Support from and networking with other advisors is enhanced
• Personal satisfaction results from watching students grow and succeed
• Common Core State Standards are reinforced through student involvement in CTSOs

School Districts
• Students are better prepared academically and socially for college and careers
• Students have a positive impact on the school and community
• CTSOs foster relationships between school district and local businesses
• Students develop career readiness skills
• Pride and recognition accrue to the school district – each CTSO is Chartered by the Board of Regents

Business and Community Leaders
• CTSOs are a source for future employees
• CTSOs provide a forum to communicate their needs regarding the preparation of future employees
• Creative ideas and new perspectives are brought to business and community by CTSOs
• Business participation with CTSOs fosters positive community minded image

Content-specific CTSOs

DECA-formerly Distributive Education Clubs of America. Prepares students for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. www.newyorkdeca.com or www.deca.org

FBLA-Future Business Leaders of America. Prepares students in all areas of business and related fields by bringing business and education together through innovative leadership and career development programs. www.nysfbla.org or www.fbla.org
**FCCLA** - Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Promotes personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Science Education. [www.nysfccla.org](http://www.nysfccla.org) or [www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org)

**FFA** - formerly Future Farmers of America, now National FFA Organization. Involves students in all aspects of the diverse field of agriculture. [www.nysffa.org](http://www.nysffa.org) or [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)

**HOSA** - Future Health Professionals of America. Promotes career opportunities in health care to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. [www.newyorkhosa.org](http://www.newyorkhosa.org) or [www.hosa.org](http://www.hosa.org)

**SkillsUSA** - formerly Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA). Serves teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. [http://nysskillsusa.org](http://nysskillsusa.org) or [www.skillsusa.org](http://www.skillsusa.org)

**TSA** - Technology Student Association. Provides leadership and opportunities in technology, innovation, design, and engineering. Students learn to apply STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) concepts through co-curricular programs. [http://nystsa.com](http://nystsa.com) or [www.tsaweb.org](http://www.tsaweb.org)

The state and national websites give information on starting a club or chapter and developing membership. You may also contact the people listed for information specific to CTSOs in New York State.

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