



Statements of Support

Policy of the United States Department of Education for Career and Technical Student Organizations

The United States Department of Education maintains a close relationship with eleven Career and Technical Student Organizations and welcomes their cooperation and support in strengthening programs of career and technical education. Recognizing that the past performance and future potential of these eleven organizations are compatible with the overall purposes and objectives of education today, the United States Department of Education strongly endorses their objectives and seeks to involve their thinking in the improvement of Career and Technical Education. In view of this, these policies represent the position of the United States Department of Education:

1. The United States Department of Education recognizes the educational programs and philosophies embraced by the following Career and Technical Student Organizations as being an integral part of Career and Technical Education instructional programs:

Business Professionals of America
National DECA

Future Business Leaders of America
Phi Beta Lambda

National FFA Organization

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

Health Occupations Students of America

National Postsecondary Agricultural
Student Organization

National Young Farmer Educational Association

Skills USA

Technology Student Association

2. The United States Department of Education recognizes the concept of total student development as being necessary for all Career and Technical Education students to assume successful roles in society and to enter the labor market.
3. The United States Department of Education will facilitate technical and supportive services to assist Career and Technical Student Organizations through State agencies in their efforts to improve the quality and relevance of instruction, develop student leadership, enhance citizenship responsibilities, overcome sex and race discrimination and stereotyping, and serve students of special populations, especially with respect to efforts to increase the participation of students who are members of special populations.
4. The United States Department of Education recognizes the responsibility for career and technical instructional programs and related activities, including Career and Technical Student Organizations, rests with the state and local education agencies.
5. The United States Department of Education approves of Federal and State grant funds for Career and Technical Education to be used by the States to give leadership and support to these Career and Technical Student Organizations and activities directly related to established career and technical education instructional programs at all levels under provisions of approved State plans for Career and Technical Education.

Efforts on the part of state and local education agencies to recognize and encourage the growth and development of these Career and Technical Student Organizations are highly important and deserve the support of all leaders in American Education.



Statement of Policy: Career and Technical Student Organizations

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The National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium maintains a relationship with Career and Technical Student Organizations and encourages cooperation and support in strengthening programs of Career and Technical Education, tech prep and school-to work. Recognizing that career and technical student organizations provide students with employability skills, business partners, community outreach, leadership opportunities, school-to-career solutions, and comprehensive programs in career majors, the National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium endorses implementation of Career and Technical Student Organizations as an integral part of the instructional program.

In view of this belief, this policy represents the position of the National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium:

1. The National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium recognizes the educational programs and philosophies embraced by the career and technical student organizations, the following career and technical organizations are an integral part of career and technical education instructional programs:

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2. The National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium recognizes total student development as being necessary for successful roles in society and for entering the labor market.
3. The National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium encourages its membership to endorse, support, and promote the growth of Career and Technical Student Organizations within states in an effort to improve workplace and leadership skills of students.
4. The National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium encourages involvement of career and technical student organizations in efforts to strengthen career and technical education.