

Constitution of the Western High School DECA Chapter

Florida Association of the Distributive Education Clubs of America

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Article I – Name

Section 1. The official name of this organization shall be the Western High School DECA Chapter, and may be referred to as “Western DECA Chapter.”

Article II – Purposes

Section 1. To assist our members in the growth and development of DECA.

Section 2. To develop a respect for education in marketing and management, which will contribute to occupational competence.

Section 3. To promote understanding and appreciation for the responsibilities of citizenship in our free competitive enterprise system.

Article III – Organization

Section 1. The Western DECA Chapter, Florida State Association of Distributive Education Clubs of America, is an organization of students enrolled in Academy of Finance (A National Academy Foundation Program), Marketing Education or Cooperative Education classes.

Article IV – Membership

Section 1. The Western DECA Chapter may be chartered a member of the Florida State DECA Association upon approval of the Florida State DECA Executive Committee.

Section 2. The classes of membership are:

- High School Members: Shall be students enrolled in the school programs of Academy of Finance, Marketing Education or Cooperative Education. Members must pay dues, as established by Florida State DECA and National DECA, and will be eligible to hold DECA offices, participate in DECA activities, serve as voting delegates, or to otherwise represent Florida in National DECA affairs of the High School Division only as approved by Florida State DECA.
- Alumni Members: Shall be former students of Academy of Finance, Marketing Education or Cooperative Education and/or former members of DECA, as

provided for by the Florida State Association for membership in the Alumni Division.

- **Professional Members:** Shall be persons associated with or participating in the professional development of DECA, as approved by the Florida State Association of DECA. Such persons will pay dues, as established by the Florida State Association, and may include such persons as Marketing Education and Cooperative Education teacher-coordinators, Marketing Education and Cooperative Education teacher-educators, Marketing Education and Cooperative Education supervisors, employers, parents of DECA members, advisory committee members, school administrators, teachers, and others willing to contribute to the growth and development of DECA.
- **Honorary Life Members:** Western DECA Chapter Honorary Life Membership may be extended to any individual making a contribution in the field of marketing and management or to a Florida DECA Chapter, with the approval of the DECA Chapter Advisor.

Article V – Voting

Section 1. Western DECA Chapter members shall exercise franchise in Florida State DECA through voting delegates, as may be approved by the Florida State Association of DECA.

Article VI – Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held at least once each month during the school year.

Section 2. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings will be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Article VII – Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Western DECA Chapter shall consist of a President(s), Executive Vice President, Class Vice-Presidents, Class Secretaries, Class Treasurers and each shall exercise the usual duties of the office to which he/she has been elected. President(s) may appoint cabinet members per one semester term.

Section 2. The officers of the Western DECA Chapter shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the first regular meeting of each school year. A majority vote of the high school members present shall be necessary to elect.

Article VIII – Advisors

Section 1. The Western DECA Chapter Advisor(s) shall be the AOF, Marketing Education or Cooperative Education teacher(s) of the Western DECA program.

Article IX – Finances

Section 1. Western DECA Chapter will be responsible for state and national DECA dues, according to the number of individual members claimed in each membership classification, multiplied by the amount established for that classification.

Section 2. The Western DECA Chapter Advisor shall be responsible for the DECA Chapter finances.

Article X – Emblem and Colors

Section 1. The emblem of Western DECA Chapter shall be a diamond-shaped design, as described and protected from infringement by Patent No. 663.265, as filed with the U.S. Patent Office. The wearing and use of this emblem will be governed by National DECA.

Section 2. The colors of the Western DECA Chapter shall be blue and gold.

Article XI – Amendments

Section 1. To amend this constitution, the proposed amendments must be presented, in writing, by a DECA member to the President. The President will present the amendment to the membership, where it must be approved by a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

Article XII – Rules, Regulations, and Bylaws

Section 1. Such rules, regulations, and bylaws as are deemed necessary for the proper conduct of this organization shall be adopted.

Section 2. No rules, regulations, or bylaws shall be adopted which are contrary to this constitution.

Section 3. In all meetings, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall serve as standard procedure.